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DEDICATION

This book is affectionately dedicated to the memory of every one gone on before who has had any part in making this great old association what she has been and now is, and also to all living who have had or who are now having any part in carrying on. Especially to my friend and Preacher Brother Rev. C. M. Walker the oldest preacher in the association from the standpoint of age and preaching service.

Brother Walker was born April 10, 1859, near Montgomery, Alabama. He was converted at the age of 14. He was baptized Aug. 12, 1873. He came to Arkansas in 1877. As most young men do, and some not so young, he took a wife. He was married in Ashley County Feb. 24, 1878 to Miss Sarah A. Womble. There were twelve (12) children born to this union, four of whom are still living.

Brother Walker attended the funeral of his oldest child at Sheridan, Ark. June 11, 1950. She was 71 years old. Sister Walker passed away June 14, 1899.

Brother Walker was married to Miss Bessie Degges Dec. 22, 1901. To this union eight (8) children were born all of whom are still living.

Brother Walker started preaching some time in 1895 at Meridian Church near the present site of Meridian church. He was ordained Aug. 30, 1896.

This preacher of God has wrought well. He organized several churches in the association. One of them being the Corinth "A" Church of which he is now a member.

Brother Walker is going home some day, but his work will live on.

Sister Walker has been a great source of help to him. God Bless her.

THE AUTHOR

INTRODUCTION

The writer considers it an honor and a privilege to be serving this grand old association in her hundredth year.

He became very much interested about the hundred years of progress of the association and took it upon himself to make a research and see what he could find out.

This Volumn is the outgrowth of said research. It has been quite a task, but a very interesting one.

We are greatful to every one that has been so kind and helpful in helping gather information.

This History is too brief to give you lots of things you would like to know.

We know in a work of this kind, with limited source material, many mistakes will enter in. We beg your forgiveness for such mistakes.

We have endeavered to try to be fair to every one involved and included.

As we study this history of the past hundred years, may we be inspired there by to do greater things for our master.

These brethren have wrought well and handed the torch down to this generation: May we keep it burning brightly and hand it on to the next generation.

THE AUTHOR

Section I

MEETINGS AND WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION

1850:-

On October 5, 1850, by previous appointment, messengers from seven churches met at the Clear Creek Baptist Church near the present site of Monticello in Drew County, Arkansas for the purpose of organizing an Association.

Reverend John Meek preached the introductory sermon.

The following churches and their messengers composed the body:
Beech Creek in Ashley County with 8 members sent B. Williams and W. T. Hogue.
Flat Creek in Ashley County with 44 members sent M. J. Denson and L. Deal.
Holly Springs in Bradley County with 14 members sent H. Bryant and W. N. Hislib.
Shady Grove in Bradley County with 18 members sent N. R. Davis, James Hawthorn, and M. McClendon.
Clear Creek in Drew County with 60 members sent B. Carroll, Wm. C. Conley, and H. Rogers.
Milton In Drew County with 49 members sent U. H. Parker, Wm. T. Everett and Wm. B. Daniel.
Seven Mile in Drew County, with 13 members, sent Y. R. Royal, H. P. Jones, and John Hanley.

Reverend B. Carroll was elected moderator, Reverend Y. R. Royal, Clerk, and H. Rogers, Teasurer.

The following committee was appointed to draft a constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith: Wm. B. Daniel, M. McClendon, M. J. Denson, H. Jones, H. Bryant, B. Willians, H. Rogers and Y. R. Royal.

These Brethren did such a good job that very few changes have been made in either of these documents.

The following Brethren preached throughout the day Sunday in the order of their names: Y. R. Royal, Acts 17:31; U. H. Parker, John 12:36; J. Meek, Romans 1:17; B. Carroll, Heb. 3:3.

Monday Brother John Meek led the opening prayer.

The Association Board was to be composed of one member from each church. The following Brethren were elected as board members: H. Bryant, F. Clement, Wm. B. Daniel, M. Deal, J. Hanley, M. McClendon, and B. Williams.

The association adjourned to meet with the Milton Church in Drew County Friday before the fourth Sunday in September 1851.

Reverend B. Carroll was to preach the introductory sermon and Reverend U. H. Parker was his alternate. Reverend Y. R. Royal was to preach the missionary sermon. Brother Parker was his alternate also.

The moderator, Brother B. Carroll, led the closing prayer.

This Reverend B. Carroll was the father of two great preachers. One of them was the late Dr. B. H. Carroll of Texas. I do not know the other ones initial.

We are sorry we do not have any records of the 50's.

1860:-

We did not learn where the meeting was held in 1860. But Reverend P. R. Smith the moderator for three years and Brother John Hill, Clerk, acted until the organization was completed.

Reverend U. H. Parker was elected moderator ond Reverend Y. R. Royal, Clerk Treasurer.

The introdumtory sermon was preached by Reverend Henry

Simms from Mt. 24:9.

At this session Bethlehem, Sand Creek, Saline, and Seven Mile came in. If that is the Seven Mile of Drew County she must have dropped out and came in again.

We want our readers to know how the Brethren in those days of ninety years ago felt about the inportance of Sunday Schools and Education, expecially ministerial education, so we are quoting the reports. Note they were called Sabbath Schools.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

"We cannot attach too much importance to this subject. The Sabbath School is the nursery of the Church, and the place where we can best impress upon the minds of our Children the necessity of early piety. Observation and experience teach us the entire futility of Union Sabbath Schools, where every feature of our denominational peculiarities is studiously avoided, and where the minds are insidiously tinctured with error. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resoultion.

1. Resolved, that we advise our churches to organize Sabbath Schools in their own houses, and employ suitable teachers of our own members.

2. Resolved, that we adopt the Southern Baptist Sabbath School Union Books as our standard Sabbath School books."

REPORT ON EDUCATION

"In this age, when all things go by steam and at electric speed, when science is steadily marching toward perfection, and general diffusion of knowledge among the masses is demanded. Without it, our civil institutions and privileges must retrogade, and we fall in the wake of other nations.

"The present period in the history of our denomination, when error combined is clad in the full armor of its strength, demands an educated ministry. Without it we may contend earnestly, but not successfully, 'for the Faith once delivered to the Saints.' Error, aided by learning, may never utterly overthrow the Truth; but it can greatly impede its progress, unless our ministry shall be able to meet its adherents on equal footing. We would therefore, earnestly recommend our brethren to establish and endow at least one first class college in our state, and aid in the education of our young ministers.

Resolved, that we cheerfully endorse the efforts being made by our State Convention, and her agents, to endow a male college, to be located some where in our state when the sum of $100,000.00 shall have benn raised; and that we will aid all we can, by our prayers and our contributions, for the consumation of this object."

R. F. MATTISON

Twenty-eight churches were represented at this session.

They reported 47 baptisms for the year. Total membership, 893 whites and 53 blacks (blacks had no churches). Flat Creek Church reported 64 whites and 17 blacks.

Churches reporting that year that are still in the association: Antioch, Beeck Creek, Ebenezer, Fellowship, Flat Creek (Fountain Hill) Hamburg, Holly Springs, Mt. Olive #1, Mt. Zion, Saline (come and gone several times).

Churches reporting that year that have gone Land Mark, but still existing: Egypt and Shady Grove.

1861:-

The minutes of 1860 stated that the 1861 session was to meet with

the Flat Creek Church Saturday before the third Sunday in September.

Reverend R. F. Mattison was to preach the introductory sermon with Reverend C. W. Kinard Alternate.

Reverend Y. R. Royal was to preach the missionary sermon Sunday with Rev. B. C. Hyatt Alternate.

1866:-

We found no more minutes till 1866. This year the assocaition met with the Mt. Zion church in Ashley County.

The introductory sermon was preached by Reverend John S. Wood from John 19:12.

Reverend Y. R. Royal was reelected moderator and Brother John Hill, Clerk Treasurer.

Gilgal Church in Drew County and New Prospect in Ashley County came into t he association at this meeting.

Reverend J. B. Searcy preached at 9:00 A. M. Sunday, Reverend B. C. Hayatt at 11:00 A. M. and Reverend J. J. Duboise Sunday night.

This year the churches reported 163 baptisms. Ebenezer led with 45, Reverend U. H. Parker was their pastor. Ten churches reported 56 negro members.

One interesting thing about this minute and on through the years was that not a bitter note was ever sounded. You would never guess from the minutes that there had been a war between the states.

1867:-

September 14, 1867 the association met with the Ebenezer church in Bradley County.

Reverend B. C. Hyatt preached the introductory sermon form Mt. 10:7.

Reverend U. H. Parker was elected moderator and Brother A. W. Files, Clerk-Treasurer.

Enon Church either in Bradley or Lincoln County and Tyro Church were admitted to the Association at this time.

Sunday preaching:

9:00 A.M.	Reverend J. R. Chambers	Isa. 63:1.
11:00 A.M.	Reverend M. Y. Moran	John 8:32.
2:00 P.M.	Reverend W. M. Lea	John 15:14.

REPORT ON COLORED POPULATION:

"We recommend to the churches of this association to continue to receive and administer the ordinances of the Gospel to them as heretofore until such time as their members are sufficient to justify the organization of them into churches, and they should be taught by us to work to that end."

I. R. CHAMBERS

So you can see that the Baptists of Bartholomew Association did not have to have a "Civil Rights" (?) bill to make them treat the negro right and try to help him.

Reverend Y. R. Royal has passed away during the year. Reverend B. C. Hyatt was appointed to write an obituary of him. He wrote a very appropriate one.

1868:-

The association met Saturday, October 3, 1868 with the Tyro Baptist Church in Drew County.

Reverend J. R. Chambers preached the introductory sermon on the subject of "Pure Religion." James I:27.

The churches at Judson, Trinity and New Zion came into the association at this time.

The Judson Church voted to pull out of the association in 1950 after

82 years of membership with us.

Brother Benjamin Collins was elected moderator and Brother A. W. Files was re-elected Clerk-Treasurer.

Saturday night Reverend Hogan Allen preached on the subject, "Walk While Ye Have the Light" from John 12:35.

Sunday preaching:

9:00 A.M.—Reverend N. P. Moore, "Prove All Things," 1 Thes. 5:21
11:00 A.M.—Reverend B. C. Hyatt, "Search the Scriptures," Jo. 5:39
2:00 P.M.—Reverend W. M. Lea, "Thy Will Be Done in Earth," Mt. 6:10
7:00 P.M.—Reverend J. V. McCullock, Mt. 16:18

So you can see that the Brethren in those days believed in lots of preaching.

Reverend J. R. Chambers offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas Eld. N. P. Moore proposes to commence the publication of the 'Arkansas Baptist' about November 12, and fully realizing the importance and necessity of an organ of intercommunication for our denomination in this state, and having confidence in the Christian piety and ability of the projectors of the enterprise; THEREFORE be it resolved that we heartily commend these Brethren and the enterprise to the favorable regard of the denomination in the state, and that we will do all in our power to extend the circulation, and sustain the said 'Arkansas Baptist' in the bounds of this association."

1869:-

The 1869 session of the association met with the First Baptist Church of Hamburg Saturday, October 2. The introductory sermon was preached by Reverend J. V. McCullock from 1 Cor. 15:58. Reverend Benjamin Collins called the meeting to order. Brother J. B. Searcy led in prayer.

Reverend U. H. Parker was elected moderator and Reverend A. W. Files re-elected clerk-treasurer.

Friendship, Hopewill, Place Level, Prairie Grove, and Ruth Churches came in at this time.

The Ruth Church was organized by women only. By motion of Brother McCullock her case was deferred until Monday. Then it came up and she was accepted.

Reverend Hogan Allen preached Saturday night from Rev. 3:20.

Sunday preaching:

9:00 A.M.—Reverend U. H. Parker, Psa. 50:14, 15
11:00 A.M.—Reverend J. B. Searcy, "Communion," Lu. 22:28-30
3:00 P.M.—Reverend J. F. Griffin, Col. 3:3, 4
7:00 P.M.—Reverend J. R. Chambers, Jude 3

1870:-

Saturday, October 1, the Association convened with the Trinity Church near Warren.

Reverend J. B. Searcy preached the introductory sermon from 1 Tim. 3:15.

Brother U. H. Parker called the meeting to order and Brother McCullock led the opening prayer.

Brother Parker was re-elected moderator and Reverend J. D. Rasberry was elected Clerk-Treasurer.

Concord Church in Bradley near Marsden, and Concord Church in Chicot County, Lake Village hurch and a Selma and a Macedonia from somewhere came in. Our Macedonia and Selma as we know them now came in at a much later date.

Saturday 7:00 P.M. Reverend J. V. B. Waldrop preached from

Eph. 1:13.

Sunday 11:00 A.M. Reverend M. Y. Morgan from 1 Cor. 11:2.
2:00 P.M. Reverend J. F. Griffin from Lu. 16:5.
7:00 P.M. Reverend A. M. Simms from Prov. 18:24.

These Brethren, that did so much preaching at their associations, had some mighty good texts. They might do you good to read them. As the preacher somewhere else, not one of these, quoted his text and said, "You will find my text somewhere from the first of Genesis to the last of Revelations. And if you don't find mine, you will find lots of them that will do you good to read them."

When the committee reported on Sunday School work this time, there was a great deal of opposition to Sunday School work. I guess most of it was from the Brethren that did not have a Sunday School in their church.

1871:-

This year the association met Saturday, September 30, with the First Church of Monticello. She had formerly been known as the Providence Church. But the name was changed to Monticello First and came into the association under the new name.

Brother J. D. Rasberry preached the annual introductory sermon from Mt. 5:13, 14.

Reverend J. S. Wood led in prayer.

In addition to Monticello First, another Hopewell (One came in in 1869), Bethel, Mt. Mariah, and Oak Grove Churches came into the Association.

Reverend M. Y. Moran was elected moderator and Reverend A. W. Files Clerk-Treasurer.

Reverend J. T. Craig preached Saturday night from Acts 2:37. "What Shall We Do?"

You will note the hospitality of the other churches of Monticello on Sunday. At 11:00 A.M. Reverend B. C. Hyatt preached at the Baptist Church from John 3:16. Reverend M. Y. Moran at the Presbyterian Church from John 14:6, and Reverend J. S. Wood at the Methodist Church from Isa. 26:10, 11. I wonder what kind of a Methodist sermon Brother Wood preached from the text of his choice.

Reverend R. M. Thrasher preached Sunday night from 1 Thes. 5:21. "Prove all things, Hold Fast that which is good." Wouldn't you like to have heard that one?

Brother B. C. Hyatt brought in a wonderful report on associational Missions. He put the responsibility on the pastor. Then as now most of our church problems are pastoral problems.

At the 1870 Session Brethren: Searcy, Moran and Smith were appointed to bring in a paper on Catholicism. The paper they brought was a masterpiece. We wish space would permit its reprint so you could read it. Suffice it to say the evils have not grown any better, but worse.

The association voted to cooperate fully with the State Convention Mission Board.

A resolution unanimously adopted to ask a colored Brother, Reverend Armsted Willis to act as missionary to his own people—to preach to them, organize churches among them, and collect what he could.

The committee on Religious literature recommended "The Baptist" published at Memphis, Tennessee. They said it should be in every Baptist family.

That thought seems to be a forerunner of our practice of putting the Arkansas Baptist in every home in our membership through the Church budget.

After prayer by Reverend P. R. Smith, the parting hand was given and then the benediction by Reverend U. H. Parker.

1872:-

The Twenty Second session of the association met with the Promise Land Baptist Church in Ashley County Saturday, October 5. (The host church has been in the Land Mark Association for a long time at this writing—Author).

The introductory sermon was preached by Reverend Moses Green from Heb. 5:12.

Reverend M. Y. Moran and Reverend A. W. Files were re-elected moderator and clerk-treasurer respectively.

New Hope # 2, Hickory Grove, Pleasant Union, and Zion Churches came into the Association at this meeting.

Brother P. R. Smith preached at 2 P.M. Saturday. At 11:00 A.M. Sunday Brother J. B. Searcy preached the annual missionary sermon. The weather interfered with the rest of the Sunday preaching program.

The Monday morning session was opened with prayer by Reverend B. C. Hyatt.

Reverend J. B. Searcy brought in a wonderful mission report. We wish space would permit printing all of it so you could read it. In part he said, "From the days of John the Baptist until now, missionary Baptists have been preaching the things concerning Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God.——for 1800 years Baptists have been laboring on their mission, and today the fields are white unto harvest."

The committee on Destitution called attention to the destitution in the Churches. Most of them were fourth time and missed a lot of that on account of weather etc. They recommended comfortable buildings and half or full time preaching.

Reverend J. V. B. McCullock was chairman of the committee.

A good Sunday School report was made by Reverend J. D. Rasberry. The Churches were urged to organize Sunday Schools. The Adults were urged to attend and encourage the young. The Sunday School paper "Kind Words" was recommended for use in Sunday School.

A resolution was offered by Reverend M. Green to meet on the Fifth Sunday and organize an associational Sunday School to meet in connection with the association each year.

The following Brethren were appointed as messengers from this association to the state Sunday School Convention which was to meet at Pleasant Hill Church in Pulaski County in July 1873: M. Y. Moran, M. Green, J. B. Edwards, E. H. Owen, and J. B. Searcy.

1873:-

The association met in her twenty-third annual session with the Antioch Church at Grovel Ridge in Bradley County, Friday, October 3, 1873.

Brother J. F. Griffin led in prayer. Brother John S. Wood preached the annual sermon from Mt. 28:19, 20.

Central Church and Unity Church from Ashley County came into the fellowship of the association at this session.

Reverend B. C. Hyatt was elected moderator and Brother Wm. F. Mack Clerk-Treasurer.

Friday night Brother Hogan Allen preached from Ro. 8:15-17.

Saturday morning Brother Solomon Gardner opened the meeting with prayer.

A number of the churches in the northern part of this association and the Southern part of the Pine Bluff association went together and organized the Friendship association (now Land Mark) and was recognized by this association.

At 11:00 A.M. Reverend S. Gardner preached from John 14:23.

The colored missionary Revernd Armsted Willis made his mission report and was invited to a seat in the body. His report for two years

ending September 30, 1873:

"Dear Brethren, in this report I would to God I was able to bring under your consideration the true condition of the colored race religiously and morally. I pray you would consider the low state in which we find Baptist principles among them, as well as the demoralizing influence of the Pedo-Baptist world opposing the upbuilding of the Baptist cause. Pray consider their inability to better their condition, by sending an efficient colored Baptist ministry to inculcate Baptist principles and combat opposing influences. I have been doing all in my power, with my limited means, to build up the cause, but find we are not able to work effectually without some assistance from our white brethren. I have traveled in your limits 947 miles, preached 56 sermons; constituted two churches; ordained one Deacon; baptized five applicants; received of the colored brethren $35.00. So Dear Brethren Farewell."

Signed: Armsted Willis

He was re-employed and the white Brethren took a collection and gave him $20.10. He thanked the association for the kind consideration and substantial aid accorded him.

Saturday P.M. Reverend J. V. B. Waldrop preached from Ro. 10:4.

Saturday night a Sunday School mass meeting was held and an associational Sunday School Convention organized.

Reverend J. D. Rasberry was elected president.

Reverend B. C. Hyatt, Hogan Allen, and J. V. B. Waldrop vice presidents, and James B. Wood recording and corresponding secretary.

The Sunday School Convention was to meet each Fifth Sunday by districts. (Somewhat like our county districts now.)

1874:-

The Association met with the Beulah Church in Drew County Saturday, October 3.

The introductory sermon was preached by Reverend Hogan Allen from Rev. 2:10. Reverend John S. Wood was elected moderator and Brother M. S. Kinnard Clerk-Treasurer.

Another sermon was preached during the day by Reverend J. L. Hollis from Luke 19:10.

Sunday preaching:

9:00 A.M. Reverend T. J. Rooke from 1 John 5:4.

11:00 A.M. the annual missionary sermon was preached by Reverend J. D. Rasberry from the text in Ro. 10:13, 14.

Sunday afternoon Reverend James Nelson from Mississippi preached on the "Call to the Ministry" and pleaded the cause of ministerial education. He used as his text Luke 9:57-62. After which pledges were taken for a dormitory — The Stewards Hall — for young ministers at Mississippi College. The goal was $250.00. In a few minutes $254.00 was pledged.

Brother Nelson preached again at night on "Christian Consecration" from 1 Cor. 3:23, "Ye are Christ's."

Monday morning Brother J. D. Rasberry read the mission report. Two resolutions were passed: first that the messengers try to get as much as fifty (50) cents per member in each church for associational missions, and second that a secretary of missions be elected to keep the matter constantly before the churches, collect funds and supervise mission work and report annually to the association. Reverend J. D. Rasberry was elected to serve as said secretary.

The report on Foreign missions also suggested a secretary to keep the matter before the churches, and that each church be asked to raise ten (10) cents per member for Foreign missions. The messengers pledged their churches to the amount of $149.80. The Foreign Mission Board had asked Arkansas for $1,000.00 that year.

Brother J. L. Brooks of Monticello was elected secretary of Ministerial Education to work in connection with Brother James Nelson—Secretary of Ministerial Education both in Arkansas and Mississippi.

There were 231 baptisms reported this year. Holly Springs reported 42 which was the largest number of any church. Brother J. D. Rasberry was pastor.

1875:-

The Beech Creek Church in Ashley County was the meeting place of the twenty-fifth annual association

Reverend B. C. Hyatt preached the annual sermon from John 18:38, "What is Truth?"

Reverend S. Gardner was elected moderator and Reverend A. W. Files Clerk-Treasurer.

Mt. Vernon and Zion Hill Churches came into the Association.

Sunday was filled with preaching as usual in their meetings then. At 9:00 A.M. Reverend U. H. Parker preached from Luke 19:10. 11:00 A.M. Reverend J. D. Rasberry from Psa. 116:12. 3:00 P.M. Reverend J. B. Searcy from Heb. 13:1. 7:00 P.M. Reverend J. V. B. Waldrop, John 17:20, 21.

The committee on Destitution said there was not a full time church in the association, most of them only once a month on Sunday and Saturday before. They said this was a modern practice.

The following resolution offered by Reverend U. H. Parker was adopted: "Whereas there are all sorts of efforts being made to fuse and run all denominations and sects of religionists into one grand Evangelical Alliance, and for each to recognize the ohter as orthodox, THEREFORE BE IT, resolved, 1. that this association will not hold in fellowship Churches that will receive alien Baptism. 2. That any church that invites unbaptized preachers into its pulpit to preach for it is by this body considered in disorder. 3. That any church that invites, and administers the Lord's Supper to unbaptized persons is in disorder. 4. That any church which fails to discipline its members, if they should be guilty of partaking of the (so called) Lord's Supper administered by unbaptized persons, is in disorder."

This must have been the year that emphasis was put on state missions. Only one of the 39 churches failed to report something for state missions. The 38 reported from five cents to $1.05. The total was $16.90.

1876:-

The association met with the Smyrna Church in Bradley County September 30, 1876.

Reverend J. V. B. Waldrop preached the introductory sermon from Mt. 6:10, "Thy Will Be Done."

Center Point, Clear Creek, and Mt. Pleasant Churches came in this time.

That was a different Clear Creek from the one where the association was organized.

Reverend U. H. Parker was elected moderator and Reverend A. W. Files reelected Clerk-Treasurer. Sunday 10:00 A.M. Reverend A. J. Fawcett preached—Heb. 6:1, 2. 11:00 Reverend Hogan Allen, Missionary Sermon, Acts 10:42. 3:00 P.M. Reverend J. F. Griffin Heb. 11:24-29. 7:00 P.M. Reverend J. L. Hale preached.

A strong report on Sunday School was made by Brother S. T. W. Meek and on Foreign missions by R. Clayton and J. L. Hale.

1877:-

Woodlawn Baptist Church in Drew County was the meeting place of the 27th annual session of the association. The annual sermon was preached by Reverend A. J. Fawcett from Deut. 1:21. "Behold the Lord thy God has set the land before thee, go up and possess it."

The Sardis Church came into the Association at this time.

Reverend Hogan Allen was elected moderator and Reverend A. W. Files reelected Clerk-Treasurer.

Four sermons were preached Sunday. The prachers were Brethren M. Y. Morgan, J. V. B. Waldrop, (Lu. 24:45-48), J. B. Searcy, and J. S. Wood (Mt. 22:24).

A strong appeal was made for the churches to support Sunday School work.

The first time I noticed the title Reverend was in this report referring to Reverend S. Boykin as editor of "Kind Word," a Sunday School paper. The title Elder had been used exclusively up to now.

Reverend B. C. Hyatt made an earnest appeal for ministerial Education.

The evangelistic fires seem to be burning low from 1874-78. There were from 42 to 123 baptisms reported these years. In 1874 there were 231 and in 1879 came back up to 214.

1878:-

The association met this time with the Poplar Bluff Church in Ashley County, October 5.

Reverend W. C. Kimbro preached the introductory sermon from Phil. 2:5.

Reverend S. Gardner was elected moderator and Brother John Hill Clerk-Treasurer.

Sunday morning Reverend J. S. Wood preached at 10:00 and Reverend A. J. Fawcett preached at 11:00 from Mt. 28:19. Brother Parker preached in the afternoon. Back in these years there was published at Little Rock a paper called "The Western Baptist." It was highly recommended.

1879:-

Shady Grove Church (now Landmark) was the meeting place of the association, October 4, 1879.

Reverend C. W. Callahan preached the annual introductory sermon.

New Prospect and Spring Hill and Fanstina Churches came in this time.

Reverend W. E. Paxton was elected moderator and Reverend A. W. Files, Clerk-Treasurer.

Elders S. Gardner and John S. Wood were elected first and second vice moderators respectively. This is the first mention of vice moderators.

Reverend J. B. Searcy preached at 10:00 A.M. Sunday and at 11:00 Reverend W. E. Paxton preached the annual missionary sermon from Mark 16:15.

At 3:00 P.M. Reverend G. Norsworthy preached from Eph. 1:22, 23, and at night Reverend C. W. Callahan from Gal. 3:11, "Christ is All." Reverend William Hunt and Reverend H. Allen both preached during the session.

Antioch asked for a letter from the association because Shady Grove and New Liberty had received some members she had excluded.

Centennial Institute, a Baptist High School at Warren, W. E. Paxton, President, was highly recommended.

Evangelism was good this year. There wer 214 baptisms reported. Ebenezer was th first with 49. Brother Wm. E. Paxton was the pastor.

1880:-

This thirtieth meeting of the association was held with the First Church, Monticello, October 2, 1880.

Reverend W. E. Paxton preached the annual sermon from Gal. 6-9.

Meridian Church joined the association at this time. In 1924 a Meridian Church came in. Probably the same one renewed.

Elders Paxton and Files were re-elected moderator and clerk-treasurer respectively.

Saturday night Reverend R. A. Lee preached from John 12:26.
Sunday preaching program:
11:00 A.M. at Baptist Church, Rev. A. J. Fawcett—Luke 19:10.
11:00 A.M. at Presbyterian Church, Reverend R. A. Lee.
11:00 A.M. at Methodist Church, Reverend J. B. Searcy.
3:00 P.M. Reverend J. V. B. Waldrop, John 6:44.
7:00 P.M. Reverend W. E. Paxton.

1881:-

The 31st annual session of the Bartholomew Association met Saturday, October 1, 1881, with the Lake Village Baptist Church.

The introductory sermon was preached by Reverend A. J. Fawcett from Gal. 6:14.

The Troy church came into the association at this session.

Brother B. C. Hyatt was elected moderator and Brother C. D. Wood Clerk-Treasurer.

Reverend J. F. Griffin preached Saturday night.

Sunday morning an old fashioned prayer meeting was conducted by Brother H. C. Denson. At 11:00 o'clock Brother B. C. Hyatt preached the annual missionary sermon at the Baptist Church and Brother J. V. B. Waldrop preached at the Court House. Sunday night Brother Hogan Allen preached at the Baptist Church and Brother Solomon Gardner at the Court House.

Reverend U. H. Parker and Brother Wm. J. Hogan had passed away since last meeting and a wonderful obituary was made of them both.

Monday night Brother A. J. Fawcett preached on "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us." 2 Cor. 5:14.

A fine fellowship and wonderful meeting was reported at this session.

There were only 72 baptisms reported, but nearly all the churches reported some.

1882:-

The Holly Springs Church in Bradley County was the Host Church of the association this year. They met September 30.

Reverend J. V. B. Waldrop preached the introductory sermon from John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

By motion Reverend A. J. Fawcett was appointed by the moderator to cast the ballot of the association for Brother A. W. Files for moderator and Brother C. D. Wood for Clerk-Treasurer.

Saturday night Reverend J. W. Lumbley preached from Ro. 14:12, "So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God."

Sunday was a full day. At 10:00 A.M., after song and prayer service, Reverend J. S. Wood made a talk on "The Power of Prayer." At 11 o'clock Reverend R. A. Lee preached the missionary sermon from Mk. 16:15. At the same hour Reverend A. J. Fawcett preached at the school house from Ecc. 9:10. At 3:00 P.M. Reverend B. C. Hyatt preached from 1 Cor. 15:19.

Brother J. C. Riley, a Deacon at Mt. Olive # 1, had passed away during the year. Many nice things were said of him.

More mission work had been reported this year than had been before. Two different missionaries had worked some during the year. They were Reverend J. F. Griffin and Reverend J. W. Lumbley.

1883:-

Saturday, October 6, 1883, the thirty-third session of the Bartholomew association convened with the Fellowship Baptist Church at Snyder

Reverend R. A. Lee preached the annual sermon from 1 Cor. 3:9, "For we are laborers together with God."

Reverend Hogan Allen was elected moderator and Brother C. D. Wood was re-elected Clerk-Treasurer.

Peace Level and Piney Grove Churches came into the association at this time.

Reverend N. C. Denson preached Saturday night from Isa. 28:16.

Another great preaching program Sunday. At 9:00 A.M. Dr. J. B. Searcy preached from Mt. 17:5, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him." Dr. Searcy was secretary of the state mission Board at that time.

At 11:00 A.M. Reverend B. C. Hyatt preached from Acts 1:8. At 3:00 P.M. Reverend J. B. Wise preached from John 15:14, "Ye are my friends, if ye do what so ever I command you."

Sunday night Brother R. A. Lee brought the message of the hour from Acts 16:30, 31.

Reverend W. E. Paxton passed away June 9, 1883. Brother Paxton was said to have been a great preacher and teacher who had influenced the lives of many young and old for good.

1884:-

The association met Friday, October 4, 1884, with the Milton Church at Lacy in Drew County.

Reverend N. C. Denson preached the introductory sermon from Heb. 2:3, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" A great sermon was reported.

Friday afternoon the moderator read Psa. 116 for the Devotional reading and Brother B. C. Hyatt led in prayer.

Center Ridge in Bradley County and Mt. Zion # 2 in Chicot County came into the association.

Rev. Hogan Allen was re-elected moderator and Reverend Solomon Gardner Clerk-Treasurer. Among many other things the committee on publications recommended "The Evangel" published at Russellville. This is the first mention I find of it.

Eleven of the forty churches reported Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 425. Warren reported the largest number which was 64.

Reverend O. P. Miles, associational missionary for July, August, and September, made a good report of his work. More than ¼ of the baptisms were reported by him.

This was a preaching session. The Brethren seemed to think, "Woe is me if I preach not..." Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night, all day Sunday and Sunday night there was some preaching in every Church and school house in reach of Lacy including the Negro Baptist Church

1885:-

Ebenezer in Bradley County was the host church of the 35th meeting of the association. It convened Saturday, October 3, 1885.

By invitation Reverend G. A. Grammar preached the introductory sermon from Gal. 6:2.

Enon Church in Drew County came into the association at this time.

Brother John G. N. Simms was chosen moderator and Brother Solomon Gardner was re-elected Clerk-treasurer.

Reverend A. B. Miller was permitted to speak to the association in behalf of the Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, after which $100.00 was paid and pledged to aid said church. You see Little Rock must have been a mission point. On motion by Brother N. C. Dinson the mission collection on Sunday was to go to aid this church.

When you see some of the members of that great church as it is now, call their attention to this.

The preaching program was as follows: Saturday 3:00 P.M. J. B. Lumbey, Saturday night R. A. Lee, Sunday 9:00 A.M. E. H. Lindsey, 11:00 A.M. A. B. Miller by invitation preached the missionary sermon and a collection was taken for the Second Baptist Church of Little Rock. The minutes do not reveal how much. At 3:00 P.M. G. A. Grammar and

Sunday night John S. Wood.

The committee on Education offered the following resolution: "RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this body that a Baptist College, situated at some central place in Arkansas, is a necessary factor to our greatest Denominational growth and prosperity, 2. that we most heartily approve the effort now being made by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to establish a School of high order, in which we may educate our children. (Ouachita College is the result of this effort. More than 1/3 of the churches in our association at the time of this writing, May 1950, are pastored by preachers that have gone or are now going to Ouachita College. So you can see what a far look those Brethren had 65 years ago, and how they projected themselves into the future.) 3, that when such school shall have been established, we will encourage it with our influence and support it with our patronage."

Reverend W. C. Harley was chairman.

1886:-

Judson Church in Ashley County was the meeting place of the association which convened Saturday, October 2, 1886.

Reverend B. R. Womack preached the annual sermon, from Gal. 5:4, "Ye are fallen from Grace."

Reverend J. V. B. Waldrop was elected moderator and Brother John G. B. Simms was elected clerk-treasurer.

Friendship Church in Drew County came into the association at this session.

Brother O. P. Miles preached Saturday night. At nine o'clock Sunday morning Brother Solomon Gardner preached to a large congregation at the arbor from Ex. 14:13. At 11 Brother B. R. Womack preached from the first Chapter of Romans. Brother N. C. Denson preached in the afternoon from John 18:17.

Monday morning the committee on publications said in part, "We most unhesitatingly recommend our state paper, "The Arkansas Evangel," published by Eld. W. A. Farbes at Little Rock. (Brother Forbes was my pastor at South Fork Church in Clark County when I was ordained in 1912.)

1887:-

Saturday, October 1, 1887, the thirty-seventh annual session of the Bartholomew Association met with the Woodlawn Baptist Church in Drew County.

The introductory sermon from 1 John 2:2, 3 was preached by Reverend J. V. B. Waldrop.

The Sardis Church was reinstated at this time. She was represented in 1883. I do not find any reason for her being out, unless she just failed to represent and was dropped from the list. She first came into the association when the association was meeting with the Woodlawn church in 1877.

Brother D. E. Barker was elected moderator and Brother John G. B. Simms was re-elected clerk-treasurer.

Dr. J. B. Searcy was present as financial secretary of Ouachita College. He preached at the church Saturday night from Isa. 42:4. At the same hour Reverend E. E. Smith preached at the School hours from 2 Tim. 2:1.

At 9:30 Sunday morning there was a mass meeting in the interest of Sunday School work.

Reverend B. R. Womack preached the annual missionary sermon at the church at the eleven o'clock hour from parts of the first and the tenth chapters of Romans. At the same hour Reverend Frank White preached at the School house.

In the afternoon a mass meeting was held in the interest of Ouachita College of Arkadelphia. There was $400.00 raised in notes and cash for

a suitable building for the College.

Sunday night Reverend L. Quinn preached at the Church from Col. 3:11 and Reverend I. R. Vick at the school house from Ro. 6:23.

Among those reported passed away during the year were Elders B. C. Hyatt, and J. S. Mears. The Committee had much praise for both of them.

The committee on ministerial education said, "There is no one feature of our denominational work of greater importance to our real prosperity and strength than that of ministerial education..... In the nature of the case ministerial education must not only keep pace with the education of the people, but it must keep in advance." It recommended that young Preachers complete one of our colleges and then go to one of our seminaries.

The temperance committe gave some scriptures that might be well for us to ponder. Gen. 9:21; Prov. 20:1; 23:29-32; Isa. 28:7, 8; 56:10-12; Hosea 4:11.

There were 158 baptisms reported. Central Church first with 25 (she reported no pastor), Promise Land second with 24. Reverend G. D. Moore was pastor.

1888:-

The association met this year Saturday, October 6, with the First Baptist Church of Warren.

Reverend J. N. Hall preached the introductory sermon from John 15:5, "Without me ye can do nothing."

The afternoon session opened with prayer by Reverend M. D. Early.

Brethren D. E. Barker and John G. B. Simms were re-elected moderator and clerk-treasurer respectively.

Prairie Grove Church came in at this time. She came in in 1869. Then dropped out after a few years.

Saturday night Reverend M. D. Early, secretary of the state mission Board, preached on State missions.

Sunday morning Dr. B. R. Womack preached at the Methodist church from 1 Tim. 1:11, Dr. Frank White at the Baptist Church from Acts 8:5, and Reverend M. A. Gunter at the Presbyterian Church from Mt. 11:30.

A Sunday School mass meting was held in the afternoon.

Sunday night Reverend J. N. Hall preached at the Baptist Church from John 5:39 and Reverend I. Z. Kimbrough at the Methodist Church from 1 Cor. 15:19.

Among those who had been called away during the year was Reverend N. A. Watson.

1889:-

The thirty-ninth session of the association met with the Egypt Baptist Church Saturday, October 5, 1889.

The meeting was opened by singing "How Firm a Foundation." Brother Parker read the 19th Psalm and Brother Gunter led in prayer.

Brother N. C. Denson preached the introductory sermon from Col. 3:11. This same text was used by Brother Quinn two years before.

On motion by Brother Hogan Allen, the officers, Brother Barker, moderator and Brother Simms were re-elected by a rising vote.

Saline and Corinth Churches both in Bradley County, came into the association at this meeting.

Saturday night Reverend W. T. Clements preached from Mark 5:19.

There was a full preaching program Sunday, as usual. At 11:00 A.M. Reverend Solomon Gardner preached at the Church from Mt. 26:18-20 and Reverend M. A. Gunter at the Arbor from the same text. Sunday afternoon Reverend Hogan Allen preached at the Church from Acts 8:29, and Reverend G. D. Moore at the Arbor from Gen. 6:3.

Brother Gunter preached again Sunday night from Eph. 2:8.

The Monday morning session was opened by singing. The moderator read the 84th Psalm, and Brother Hogan Allen led in prayer. Monday afternoon, after singing, Reverend E. R. Bell led in prayer.

1890:-

The Center Point Baptist Church in Drew County entertained the fortieth session of the Association which convened Friday, October 3, at 10:00 A.M.

The annual sermon was preached by Brother Hogan Allen from 1 John 2:2.

Reverend John S. Wood was elected moderator and Reverend H. Allen Clerk-Treasurer.

Antioch Church at Gravel Ridge in Bradley County had gone out of the Association in 1879, and came back this year. Arkansas City came in.

The New Liberty Church at Hilo was dropped from the roll. She had made no report for three years.

Sunday morning Reverend Frank White preached at the church from Luke 10:2, and Reverend F. W. Taylor at the arbor.

At 3:00 P.M. Reverend B. G. Manard, state missionary, preached from Lev. 6:15, and at night Reverend H. R. Moran preached.

Pastor's salaries this year ranged from nothing to $235.00 for the year. Warren paid Brother M. C. Denson $235.00 and Ebenezer paid him $200.00. So he must have been the best preacher. Arkansas City, the young church which had just come into the association, reported having paid Brother F. W. Taylor $200.00. The others ranged from $150.00 down. Mostly down.

1891:-

The Association met with the Concord Church in Bradley County near Marsden Saturday, October 3, 1891.

Reverend M. A. Gunter preached the annual sermon from Mt. 16:18.

Reverend Solomon Gardner and Brother A. C. Rhodes were unanimously elected moderator and clerk-treasurer respectively.

Hopewell Church in Ashley County was received into the Association. It seems to have been near Snyder.

The annual missionary sermon was preached Sunday morning by Reverend N. C. Denson from Heb. 6:12 at the church, at the same time Reverend Hogan Allen preached at the Arbor from 2 Pet. 3:13.

Sunday afternoon Reverend W. H. H. Woods preached from Eph. 2:1-6 and at night the sermon based on Ro. 14:12 was delivered by Reverend E. Y. A. Rogers. This was a good year in Evangelism. There were 275 baptisms reported. Only six of the 35 churches reported no baptisms. Prairie Grove was first with 34. Brother W. H. H. Woods, pastor.

1892:-

Unity Church in Ashley County was the meeting place of the Association this year. It convened Saturday, October 1. The annual introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Hogan Allen from John 4:37.

At 2:00 P.M. Reverend W. T. Clements preached at the Arbor from Mark 5:19.

Brother W. H. H. Woods was suffering with a cancer and requested the prayers of the Brethren. The request was presented by Brother Hogan Allen. The prayer was led by Brother J. V. B. Waldrop. Then a collection of $19.00 was taken for Brother Woods and conveyed to him by Brother Allen.

Brother Woods passed away before the next Association. So we see God's preachers as well as others have gone down the valley one by one.

Reverend N. C. Denson was elected moderator and Brother A. C. Rhodes was re-elected Clerk-Treasurer.

This minute shows that Friendship Church in Drew County came in at this time. The minutes of 1886 reported Friendship of Drew County came in. The first one failed to report for a year or two. Maybe this is the same one reinstated.

Brother T. W. Adams preached Saturday night from Jer. 23:36 and 10:00 A.M. Sunday from Eph. 6:10. At 11:00 A.M. Brother Frank White preached from Gal. 6:10. Brother N. C. Denson preached in the afternoon and Brother W. C. Harley at night.

Monday morning Brother J. V. Waldrop preached at the arbor from Luke 24:51 on "The Ascension of Christ."

The Committee on Temperance said, "Your committee regards temperance among the Christian Graces. We should be temperate in all things, **even to the abstaining from tobacco and spitting on the floor** of the House of God." The writer of this book says, "A-Men."

Reverend Frank White—Chairman

It was at this time that the Brethren begin to drift from the term Sabbath School to Sunday School, and from the title Elder to Brother and Reverend.

1893:-

Saturday, September 30, the Association met with the Enon Church in Drew County.

Reverend John S. Wood preached the introductory sermon from Gen. 6:16.

Brother N. C. Denson was reelected moderator and Brother P. M. L. Thomasson was elected Clerk-Treasurer.

Ouachita Church came in at this time. Petersburg was the Post Office. It must have been near the present site of Crossett.

Saturday night Reverend G. D. Moore preached on "Witnessing for Jesus" from Lu. 24:48.

A mass meeting about Sunday School was held at 9:00 A.M. Sunday. At 10:00 Dr. J. W. Conger, founder and president of Ouachita College, spoke in the interest of Ouachita. At 11 o'clock the annual missionary sermon was preached by Brother N. C. Denson at the Church from Mark 16:15, 16. At the same time Brother H. Allen preached at the arbor from Acts 8:27. In the afternoon Brother E. E. Smith preached at the Church from Col. 1:10, 11 and Brother R. A. Watson at the arbor from 1 Tim. 4:16. At night Brother J. C. Finnel preached from Ro. 8:28.

This year the pastor's salaries ranged from nothing to $300.00.

1894:-

The minutes of 1893 showed that the 1894 session was to be held with the Union Hill Church in Bradley County and that Brother G. D. Moore was to preach the introductory sermon and Brother E. E. Smith the missionary sermon.

We are sorry to have to skip a few years for which we found no minutes.

1899:-

After a few years: we pick up again, and find that the forty-ninth meeting of the association was held with Mt. Zion # 2 Church in Chicot County Saturday, September 30, 1899.

The moderator Reverend N. C. Denson read Ro. 12 and led in prayer.

Reverend A. F. Willis preached the introductory sermon from John 3:7.

Brother Denson and Brother J. M. L. Thomasson were reelected moderator and Clerk respectively. They had these respective positions when we left off in 1893. We wonder if they have held them throughout the nineties.

Arkadelphia Church came into the association at this time. It was about 10 miles northwest of the present site of Crossett.

The missionary sermon was preached Sunday morning by Reverend G. D. Moore from 1 Cor. 16:2. At the same time Reverend S. H. Campbell preached to the overflow crowd in the grove. His text was John 6:57, 58. Reverend O. P. Miles preached Sunday afternoon from Ro. 8:28.

During the year Hamburg Church had given $1.00 to ministerial Education, Prairie Grove $2.00, all the rest none. Hamburg was the only Church that gave some amount to every cause in our work.

There were 217 baptisms reported. The total members reported were 2750.

This minute states that the 1900 meeting was to be with the Shady Grove Church in Bradley County.

1901:-

The Flat Creek Church at Fountain Hill was host to the fifty-first annual meeting of the Association. It met October 5, 1901.

The moderator Brother N. C. Denson called the meeting to order and read Ro. 12, and led in prayer.

Reverend E. C. Faulkner preached the introductory sermon from Prov. 3:9, 10.

Brother J. W. Simms was elected moderator and Brother J. M. L. Thomasson Clerk-Treasurer.

Reverend Frank Wells presented the association with a gavel made from a tree cut on the Mt. of Olives where Jesus spent much time.

The annual missionary sermon was preached by Reverend John X. Smith from the text, "What shall I do with Jesus?"

The association voted to instruct the messengers to the state Convention to vote against the officer of General Secretary. That was the stormy session of the convention at which time the Landmark Brethren split off and later organized the Land Mark Baptist Association. None of the leaders of the split were Arkansas men. They had come from other states.

I wonder if Jesus did not pray again, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

There were 26 Sunday Schools reported with an enrollment of 1271.

1902:-

The fifty-second annual session of the Bartholomew association convened with the Enon Church in Drew County October 4, 5, 6, 1902.

Brother J. W. Sims, the moderator, read 1 John 1 and some from Rev. and Rev. S. H. Campbell led in prayer.

Reverend A. F. Willis preached the annual sermon from Eph. 6:11.

Reverend J. W. Sims and Brother Thomasson were re-elected moderator and Clerk-Treasurer.

Reverend H. H. Street preached Saturday night from John 16:7.

Sunday morning Brother N. C. Denson delivered the missionary sermon in the Church from John 17:18. And Reverend C. M. Myrick preached in the arbor from John 18:38.

There were 190 baptisms reported. Total membership reported was 2810.

The highest pastor salary was reported by Monticello First. It was $670.85. The lowest reported was $1.25. Several reported nothing. The total was $2,653.00 for the 47 churches then in the association.

The committee on State missions submitted two reports.

Brethren D. T. Hyatt and W. S. Allen recommended the General Association (Landmark). Brother A. C. (might have been intended for N. C.) Denson recommended the State Convention.

After much discussion by Brethren G. D. Moore, W. H. Fastney, J. G. B. Simms, John Hasty and S. H. Campbell for the Convention and T. M. Bordeaux, W. S. Allen, J. W. Sims, and J. M. L. Thomasson for the General Association; the vote was 13 for the Convention and 47 for the Association. So you see the Bartholomew Association went Landmark. But follow it a few years and see what happens.

Much controversy arose from time to time. They went ahead and worked through both channels some, not much through either.

1903:-

The moderator Reverend J. W. Sims opened the fifty-third (53rd) session of the association at the First Baptist Church at Warren by reading John 17 and leading the opening prayer.

In the absence of Brother Moore, Brother H. Beauchamp preached the introductory sermon.

Brethren Sims and Thomasson were re-elected moderator and clerk-treasurer.

They must have been good officers, they were re-elected so much.

Carmel Church came into the Association at this time.

Baptist preachers filled the Methodist and Presbyterian pulpits at both hours Sunday. Thanks to our Methodist and Presbyterian Brethren.

Reverend B. F. Appling preached the annual missionary sermon in the Baptist Church from John 3:14, 15.

There were 109 Baptisms reported. The total membership reported was 2,828.

1904:-

The association met with the Central Baptist Church at Berea in Ashley County, October 1, 1904.

Reverend W. T. Clements called the meeting to order and read John 10. Brother W. C. Harley led the opening prayer.

Reverend F. P. Turner preached the introductory sermon from Ro. 4:20, 21.

Reverend A. F. Willis was elected moderator and Brother Clark Sims, Clerk-Treasurer.

Pleasant Hill in Bradley County, Dermot in Chicot County and Poplar Bluff came into the association. There was a Poplar Bluff Church that was very active back in the 80's. This is probably the same one renewed.

Reverend J. S. Compere brought the message Saturday night from Dan. 2:44.

Sunday morning Brother A. F. Willis brought the missionary message from Acts 1:8.

A great year in evangelism. There were 400 baptisms reported. Promise Land first with 44, Reverend T. G. Morgan, pastor. Prairie Grove second with 43, Reverend G. D. Moore pastor. Total members 3323.

1905:-

The association met with the Prairie Grove Church September 30, 1905.

Brother J. W. Sims opened the meeting by reading the 17th Chapter of John. Brother N. C. Denson led the opening prayer.

Brother Sims brought the introductory message from Eph. 4:30.

Afternoon the moderator read the 23rd Psalm and led in prayer.

Brother J. W. Sims was elected moderator and Brother Clark Sims was re-elected Clerk-Treasurer.

Montrose and Midway Churches were received into the association at this session.

Saturday night Brother F. P. Turner preached using Mark 11:24 as his text.

Sunday morning Reverend G. D. Moore brought the annual missionary message. His text was 1 Cor. 12:28.

Reverend L. M. Webb was associational missionary. There were 232 baptisms reported.

1906:-

Ebenezer Baptist Church in Bradley County royally entertained the fifty-sixth annual session of the Bartholomew association which

met October 5.

Reverend J. W. Sims opened the meeting by reading the 17th Chapter of John. Reverend H. H. Street led the opening prayer. Reverend J. W. Sims and Reverend Clark Sims were re-elected moderator and clerk-treasurer respectively.

The Saturday night message was delivered by Reverend Clark Sims from Col. 3:23, 24.

The missionary sermon Sunday morning was preached by Reverend R. G. Bowers from Psa. 126:6. That is one of my favorite texts in the beginning of a revival meeting. Dr. Bowers was president of Ouachita College when I made my first trip there in 1912.

This year the report showed 286 baptisms, and a total membership of 3509.

1907:-

The association met with the Unity Church near Crossett October 5, 1907.

Reverend J. M. L. Thomasson called the meeting to order.

In the absence of both moderator and clerk, Reverend N. C. Denson was elected temporary moderator and Reverend J. M. L. Thomasson Temp. Clerk. The sermon was preached by Reverend Allen Hill Autrey. His text was Luke 11:1.

Mt. Olive # 2 in Ashley County and New Hope from Bayou Mason Association came into our association this time.

The missionary sermon Sunday morning was preached by Reverend H. H. Street. Brother Autrey preached again Sunday night.

Baptisms 269, members, 3527.

The highest pastor's salary was $900.00. The lowest reported was 40c. Six churches reported less than $1.00. Twenty-one reported nothing. The total was $4,206.95. Then we are made to wonder.

1908:-

The Wilmar Baptist Church was host to the fifty-eighth meeting of the Association which met 10:00 A.M. Saturday, October 3, 1908.

The moderator, Brother Denson, read Ro. 12 and Brother Fawcett led the opening prayer.

Reverend A. J. Fawcett elected moderator and Brother Z. T. Wood clerk-treasurer.

Brother Fawcett preached the introductory sermon on "The Unity of the Spirit" from Eph. 4:3.

At this time the following churches came into the association: Hollis, Cominto, Morrell and Green Hill.

This was a good year in Evangelism. There were 433 baptisms reported. Prairie Grove was first with 51. She had had first place in 1891 and second place 1904.

The present membership of Prairie Grove owe it to your forefathers to keep up the fight.

There were two financial columns reported in the statistical table. One for those giving through the State Convention, and the other through the Landmark General Association. Note the offerings this year: Through the Convention; State missions, $503.28, Home Missions, $307.63, and Foreign missions $291.74. Through the General Association: State Missions $21.05, Home Missions, $8.20, and Foreign Missions $4.55.

Sunday School enrollment 1952. Average attendance 529.

This was called a good meeting. The meeting always broke up with a good fellowship hand shake.

1909:-

The association met October 2 with the New Liberty Church at Hilo. Brother Fawcett called the meeting to order and read Ro. 12. The opening prayer was led by Reverend W. T. Clements.

The introductory sermon was preached by Reverend A. F. Willis

on the subject, "Final Perseverance of the Saints." The text was 2 Cor. 4:16.

Two groups of messengers from Shady Grove with two letters came and presented themselves. A committee was appointed to determine which one to seat. J. M. Andrews, J. H. Gill, and T. H. Rowland were seated. I do not know the nature of the trouble.

Brother J. R. Woods was elected moderator and Brother Z. T. Wood was re-elected clerk-treasurer. The following Churches come into the association at this time: Corinth "A", Farmville, Omega, Parkdale, and Wilmot.

Reverend J. P. Hemby brought the mission message Sunday morning from Mt. 10:2-4 and 28:19, 20. I had never thought of putting the two texts together. Had you?

Monday afternoon the women met and organized an associational Women's Union. Mrs. L. A. Calhoun of Crossett was elected president, Mrs. O. C. Mefford of Dermott, vice president, Mrs. A. V. Johnson of Snyder Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Z. T. Wood of Monticello was also elected another Vice-president.

There were 538 baptisms reported this year. Crossett took the lead with 60. Total members reported 4422.

The pastors' salaries had increased from nothing to $1200.00. All mission offerings were light.

1910:-

The 1910 meeting was with the Fellowship Church of Snyder.

I have no minutes of 1910, 1911, or 1912. The minute of 1913 shows that there were no minutes published in 1911 and 1912.

1913:-

The sixty-third annual session of the association met with the Ebenezer Church in Bradley County, October 4, 1913.

Reverend J. B. Luck called the meeting to order. Brother N. C. Denson read Col. 3 and commented on same. Brother W. T. Clements led the opening prayer. Rev. T. M. McGee read Eph. 3:13-21 and used Jer. 6:16 as his text for the introductory sermon.

Brethren Z. T. Wood and E. L. Compere were elected moderator and clerk-treasurer respectively.

The following churches were admitted to the association this year: Brushy Prairie, Ashley County; Ladelle, Drew County; Hughes and Ward # 2 from Louisiana, and Antioch came back in by letter from the Judson Association.

Dr. John T. Christian preached at the Church Sunday morning and Reverend G. E. Holt at the School house. The women made a good report of their work.

1914:-

October 3, 1914, the Association met with the Judson church in Ashley County.

Brother N. C. Denson read Ro. 12. Brother W. C. Kimbro led in prayer.

Reverend A. W. King of Gurdon, pastor at White near Crossett, preached the introductory sermon from John 3:16.

The Church of McGehee and the Magnolia Church of Crossett came in at this time. And Cominto seemed to have reentered. Because she came in 1908.

Reverend T. B. Rouse (one time my pastor at Arkadelphia) read the second Psalm and used the great commission and other passages for the missionary sermon in the church.

Dr. R. M. Inlow preached to the overflow crowd under the trees.

341 baptisms reported. Twenty was the most any church reported, but nearly every church reported some. Total membership 6119.

The financial table showed through the convention: State missions $343.01, Home missions $517.32, Foreign missions $666.30. Through the

General Association State missions $47.45, home missions $21.91, foreign missions $5.00.

The mission gifts through the convention continued to increase, the gifts through the general association decreased until 1919.

1915:-

Prairie Grove was the meeting place of the 1915 association. At 10:00 A.M. October 2, Brother Z. T. Wood called the meeting to order. Brother N. C. Denson led in prayer. Reverend T. M. McGehee read 1 Cor. 9:1-14 and used verse 14 for a text and preached the introductory sermon on "The support of the Ministry."

Brother S. R. Smith of the Promise Land Church was elected moderator and Brother E. L. Compere, Clerk-Treasurer. Chicot, Jarvis Chapel, and Blissville Churches joined the association this time.

Saturday night Reverend F. P. Turner read John 3:1-17, and used 2 Kings 10:15 as his sermon text. (Good Text)

Sunday morning Reverend J. F. Tull preached the missionary sermon from Mt. 5:13. Reverend E. J. A. McKinney preached to the overflow crowd under the trees.

This year 487 baptisms were reported. Warren the highest with 38. Nearly all the churches reported some baptisms. Total membership 6592.

1916:-

Sixty-sixth session of the association met with the First Baptist Church of Warren September 30, 1916.

Brother S. R. Smith called the meeting to order. Prayer was led by Brother F. P. Turner. Brother Ben L. Bridges preached the annual sermon.

Brother Smith was re-elected moderator and Brother J. G. Carpenter was elected clerk-treasurer.

Troy, Pattsville, and Centennial came in. Sixty-four of the 76 churches reported 608 baptisms.

1917:-

The association met at Crossett October 6, 1917.

Brother S. R. Smith, the moderator, called the meeting to order. Brother D. R. Dunham led the opening prayer.

Reverend T. G. Morgan preached the annual introductory sermon.

New Prospect Church came into the association at this meeting.

Brother D. A. Bradham of Warren was elected moderator and Brother J. G. Carpenter was re-elected clerk-treasurer.

Saturday night Reverend J. S. Compere preached on "Stewardship."

There were 59 Churches reported 564 baptisms and 7596 members.

You will note they are not having as much preaching at the associations as they once did.

1918:-

Dermott Baptist Church entertained the association which met with them in October 1918. The meeting place was the Presbyterian Church.

The moderator Brother D. A. Bradham presided. Reverend W. N. Roberts preached the introductory sermon from John 9:4. The following churches were received into the association at this meeting: Arkansas City, Beouf River, Bellair, and McArthur.

New Liberty # 2 was referred to a committee and later received conditionally.

Brother Bradham was re-elected moderator and Brother C. E. Wood clerk-treasurer.

There were 403 baptisms reported this year.

1919:-

The sixty-ninth annual meeting of the association was held with the Shiloh Church in Ashley County October 1, 1919.

The moderator, Brother Bradham, called the meeting to order.

Brother D. R. Dunham led the devotional. The prayer was led by Brother T. G. Morgan.

Col. E. L. Compere was elected moderator and Rev. C. D. Wood Clerk-Treasurer.

The following churches joined the association at this meeting: Gates Camp, Gideon Chapel, and Immanual. (Not our Warren Immanual).

Farmville Church was granted a letter of dismission to go to the Judson Association (Land Mark). The introductory sermon was preached by Brother N. C. Denson from the 17th Chapter of John.

Wednesday night Brother G. L. Boles preached on the text, "By the Grace of God, I am What I am."

Thursday morning Dr. J. S. Compere used Num. 13:30 for the text of the missionary sermon (good text). Reverend E. W. Westmorelan brought a message Thursday night from 1 Pet. 2:1, 2.

This year the churches gave $3218.04 to state missions, $1967.18 to Home missions and $1864.81 to foreign missions through the state convention and nothing through the general convention. They gave $1813.41 to the Monticello Orphans' Home (Convention) and $218.50 to the Texarkana Orphans' Home (Land Mark).

From here on the double column for reporting the finance was not used.

You remember as already stated the association voted 47 to 13 to go to the Land Mark General Association. I have never found where they voted to come back to the Convention. But it seems she automatically drifted back.

1920:-

The association met with the Holly Springs church at Hermitage September 29, 1920.

Brother E. L. Compere, the moderator, presided.

Brother G. L. Boles preached the introductory from Mt. 23:8, "And All ye are Brethren."

Wednesday night Reverend T. H. Jordan preached on the "Second coming of Christ" from Rev. 1:1—forward.

Thursday morning the annual missionary sermon was preached by Dr. L. E. Barton from John 3:16. Thursday night Dr. J. S. Compere preached from Mark 4:23 and John 4:35.

There were 344 baptisms reported. Monticello led with 60. Nearly all churches reported some.

Most of the churches contributed largely to the 75 million campaign. They reported $17,089.02 this year.

Pastors' salaries ranged from $15.50 to $2,000.00.

1921:-

The seventy-first annual session of the association met with the Wilmar Baptist Church Wednesday September 28, 1921.

The Devotional was conducted by Reverend N. C. Denson. Reverend J. B. Luck led in prayer.

Col. E. L. Compere and Reverend C. D. Wood were re-elected moderator and Clerk-treasurer respectively.

Reverend E. W. Mestmorland of Crossett preached the annual sermon using Isa. 53:3 as his text.

The first report of stewardship and tithing in the association was made this year by Brother D. R. Dunham.

Reverend L. E. Barton brought the missionary message Wednesday night.

Another great missionary message Thursday morning by Dr. J. S. Compere—Editor Baptist Advance—on the Commission, Mt. 28:18-20, Mk. 16:15.

Brother E. J. A. McKinney delivered a wonderful message Thursday night on "Reputation" from Rev. 3:1, 8, 15, 16. Wouldn't you love to have heard it?

1922:-

The Lake Village Baptist Church was host to the association meeting there Wednesday, September 27, 1922.

Brother J. B. Luck led the devotional. Prayer by Brother N. C. Denson. Brethren Compere and Wood were again re-elected moderator and clerk-treasurer.

Pleasant Valley Church of Rt. # 3, Wilmar and Mountain View Church near Monticello were received into the association at this time.

The annual introductory sermon was preached by Reverend S. D. Anderson.

Wednesday Dr. J. S. Rogers, state mission secretary, brought an inspiring message on the 75 million campaign from Phil. 1 and Rev. 3:2.

Thursday A.M. the devotional was conducted by Rev. H. H. Adcock.

Thursday night a missionary message by Rev. J. B. Luck on the text "Follow me, and I will Make You Fishers of Men." Mt. 4:19.

Brother H. C. Barnes led the closing prayer.

1923:-

The seventy-third annual meeting of the association was held with the Arkansas City Church commencing 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, October 3, 1923.

Brother A. A. Dulaney led the devotional. Prayer was led by Rev. N. C. Denson.

Reverend C. D. Wood was elected moderator and Brother G. A. Curry clerk-treasurer.

Eagle Lake Cross Roads, Magnolia and Pleasant Ridge churches joined the association at this time. If this Magnolia was our present Magnolia of Crossett it just reentered for it came in in 1914.

Rev. J. F. Tull led the opening prayer Wednesday afternoon. Dr. A. H. Authrey preached the introductory sermon. The Wednesday night session was opened with prayer by Brother G. L. Boles and Dr. J. S. Compere preached.

Thursday night Brother Ben Rolland, a returned missionary from China, preached the missionary sermon. Brother H. H. Adcock led the devotional and Brother N. C. Denson led in prayer.

1924:-

The association met with the Crossett Church Wednesday, October 1, 1924.

Brother W. L. Leach led the devotional and Brother A. A. Dulaney led the opening prayer.

Reverend C. D. Wood and Brother G. A. Curry were re-elected moderator and clerk-treasurer. Meridian Church came in by petitionary letter. If this is our present Meridian near Crossett, she was just renewed. She came in 1880. Brother C. D. Wood preached the introductory sermon.

The following brethren led the devotionals for the different periods: W. J. Bell, H. C. Barnes, F. E. Bailey, S. T. Johnson, and prayers by Brother H. H. Adcock and Brother A. F. Roberts.

Thursday night the closing message was the missionary sermon by Reverend G. L. Boles. This seems to have been the high light of the association. Rev. J. F. Tull led the closing prayer.

While singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the parting hand was given.

1925:-

Marsden Baptist Church in Bradley County was host to the association which met Wednesday, September 30, 1925.

Rev. G. L. Boles, who brought the closing message of the last association, gave the opening devotional of this session.

Brethren Wood and Curry were again re-elected moderator and clerk-treasurer. They must have been good ones, or else the Brethren kept giving them another chance to make good. Braswell Chapel near Crossett came into the fellowship of the association. Reverend W.

Braswell was pastor.

Reverend Blake Smith of Crossett brought the annual message on "An Abundant Life."

Wednesday afternoon Reverend H. H. Adcock gave the devotional and Brother W. W. Nutt led the prayer.

The association at this time voted to adopt the co-operative program, while the program was yet in its infancy, having been inaugurated by the Southern Baptist Convention that year at Memphis, Tenn. The association recommended that churches do not designate their offerings, but give everything through the co-operative program. The program at this writing has 25 years of proven success.

Brother Z. B. Miller gave the devotional Thursday morning and Reverend G. F. Jenkins delivered the annual missionary sermon on the text "And I, If I be lifted up will draw all men unto Me."

Devotionals for different sessions were given by the following Brethren; W. Braswell, F. E. Bailey, and Maurice M. Hall.

1926:-

Wednesday September 29, 1926 the association met with the First Baptist Church of Monticello. Devotional by Rev. C. D. Wood.

Reverend G. L. Boles of Warren was elected moderator and Reverend G. F. Jenkins of McGehee clerk-treasurer.

Bethany near Dermott, Monticello Second, and Salem near Jones, Louisiana came into the association at this meeting.

Introductory sermon by Brother T. J. Watts on "The Greatest Gift to God."

1927:-

The association met with the Eudora Baptist Church Sept. 28, 29, 1927.

Col. E. L. Compere called the meeting to order. Dr. J. S. Rogers led the devotional.

Zion in Chicot County and Florence in Drew County came into the association. Brother T. B. Sandifer preached the introductory sermon from John 4:4.

Wednesday P.M. Brother W. B. Yates gave the devotional from Mark 2:1-12.

Brethren Boles and Jenkins were re-elected moderator and clerk-treasurer.

Brother A. F. Muncy brought the devotional Wednesday night.

Mrs. C. R. Pugh spoke on the Orphans Home.

Thursday A.M. Brother Gossett of N. Little Rock gave the Devotional.

Rev. W. O. Taylor preached the missionary sermon from Mat. 28:20.

Brother H. H. Adcock gave the afternoon Devotional.

1928:-

A resolution on Page 8 of the 1929 minute requested the printing of the 1928 minute. This would indicate that the minutes had not been printed. I found no record at all of 1928. The '27 minute said it was to be at Hamburg, and Brother W. B. Yates to preach the annual sermon.

1929:-

The seventy-ninth annual session of the Bartholomew association met with the McGehee Baptist Church Tuesday, October 1, 1929.

The annual introductory sermon was preached by Reverend H. H. Adcock.

Brother G. L. Boles was elected moderator and Brother L. B. Johnson clerk. Brother J. E. Calloway was elected assistant clerk and Reverend C. D. Wood, treasurer.

Brother Johnson for some reason was unable to serve long. Brother W. L. Leach was asked to serve as clerk pro tem and prepare this minute.

The Delta Association was organized out of the Bartholomew

association.

The following resolution was passed by the association: "Be it resolved here that the Bartholomew Regular Baptist Association at its coming session be requested not only to grant authority to its clerk to request shall have already been made, but also to such others as may hereafter request such letters of dismission. Also that Bayou Bartholomew be designated as the general dividing line of the two associations.

Brethren Burgess, W. F. Warren, and S. T. Johnson brought devotions during the meeting.

Reverend E. S. Campbell preached the missionary sermon. Reverend S. A. Jarvis who had served as missionary and pastor and had wrought well in the association passed away during the year.

1930:-

The association met with the Ebenezer Church in Bradley County Wednesday, October 1, 1930.

Reverend W. F. Warren of Crossett preached the introductory sermon.

Brother Warren was then elected moderator. He must have preached himself into the office. Reverend C. D. Wood was elected clerk-treasurer.

Wednesday afternoon singing was led by Brother W. W. Hutt and prayer by Brother W. C. Rowe.

Wednesday night Reverend H. D. Morton led in prayer and Reverend C. D. Wood preached.

The opening prayer Thursday morning was led by Mrs. Marvin Wood of Crossett.

The thoughtful consideration of Brother W. W. Nutt led him to make most of the motions to extend the thanks of the association to the host church for the fine entertainment for a number of years. He is still kind and considerate. May the Lord increase his tribe.

1931:-

The Magnolia Baptist Church of Crossett was host to the eighty-first session of the association which met Wednesday, September 30, 1931.

Reverend E. D. Estes led the opening prayer. The devotional scripture reading by Mrs. L. L. Morris of Crossett was the Thirteenth (13th) chapter of 1 Cor. That Great Love Chapter.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was sung. Then Brother H. C. Barnes delivered the annual introductory sermon.

The afternoon devotional was led by Brother S. E. Powell.

Reverend E. H. Westmorland was elected moderator and Reverend W. F. Warren clerk-treasurer.

Brother J. H. Chavis conducted the devotional Wednesday night and Brother H. H. Adcock preached the missionary sermon.

Thursday morning Brother W. W. Nutt brought the devotional and Reverend C. C. Young preached the sermon.

1932:-

After six years the association comes back to Monticello First.

She convened Wednesday, September 28, 1932.

The devotional was led by Brother G. T. Sikes. The opening prayer was led by Brother H. D. Morton.

Reverend E. H. Westmoreland was re-elected moderator and Reverend C. C. Young clerk-treasurer.

The introductory sermon was preached by Reverend M. E. Cole on "The New Testament Church" from Acts 2.

The devotional was led Wednesday afternoon by Brother H. L. Veasy. The congregation sang: "Precious Name of Jesus."

The night devotional was by Brother S. W. Moore. He used the story of the "Ten Virgins." After the song, "Amazing Grace," Brother C. C. Young preached the missionary sermon on "The Constraining Love

of Christ."

Thursday morning Brother S. E. Powell gave the devotional. The songs: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," and "How Firm a Foundation." Then prayer was led by Brother Adcock. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was sung and Brother Cecil Atkins led in prayer.

Brother H. C. Barnes led the afternoon devotional. Prayer was led by Brother J. W. Wilcoxon.

During the year Reverend M. N. Taylor and several brothers and sisters have passed away.

1933:-

Wednesday September 28, 1933 the association met with the Holly Springs Church of Hermitage.

Reverend H. Stockman gave the devotional on "What Peter gave the Crippled man at the Beautiful Gate" from Acts 3:1-12. Song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Reverend W. C. Rowe of Hermitage was elected moderator and Reverend C. C. Young was re-elected clerk-treasurer.

Reverend S. E. Powell preached the annual introductory sermon on "Preaching and Teaching the Gospel" from Mt. 28:19, 20.

The opening song Wednesday afternoon was "How Firm a Foundation." Reverend M. E. Cole gave the devotional.

Dr. Ben Bridges preached a soul searching and soul stirring sermon on the subject, "Arise, O Zion, and put on Thy Strength."

Wednesday night Reverend Tom Barnes used the twenty-third Psalm for the devotional.

Song: "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus."

The missionary sermon by Reverend E. H. Westmoreland on "The Great Commission."

Reverend A. F. Muncie brought the devotional on "The Transforming Power of Prayer" from Acts 2.

Song: "Take the Name of Jesus With You."

There were 422 baptisms reported. Warren with Brother M. E. Cole pastor reported 222. If that was not a misprint in the minute, that one church baptized more than all the rest together.

1934:-

The eighty-fourth annual session of the association opened at the Flat Creek Church at Fountain Hill Wednesday, October 17, by singing "I Need Thee Every Hour" led by Brother A. A. Pierce.

Prayer and welcome by the host pastor, Brother Adcock.

Reverend T. H. Berry was elected moderator and Reverend C. C. Young re-elected clerk-treasurer.

Brother Berry preached the annual sermon from Mt. 4:4, "Man Shall not live by Bread alone" on the subject: "The Double Trend, or The Two Tendencies of Life." Wouldn't you love to have heard it?

The afternoon session opened by singing "I Am Thine of Lord."

The Selma Church came into the association here. Reverend W. M. Barrett was organizer and first pastor.

Wednesday night, song, "Send the Light." Prayer by Reverend H. H. Adcock.

The missionary sermon was preached by Reverend W. Braswell, from Mt. 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

Thursday morning session was opened by singing "Higher Ground." Reverend J. R. Woods read the devotional scripture and Reverend H. C. Barnes led the prayer. The sermon was preached by Reverend E. W. Milner.

Thursday afternoon songs: "More About Jesus" and Unclouded Day." Prayer by Reverend Rolla Mixon.

1935:-

Florence Baptist Church entertained the association which met there Wednesday, October 16.

Reverend E. D. Allison conducted the devotional from Gal. 1:1-16. Reverend M. E. Cole led in prayer.

Brethren Berry and Young were re-elected moderator and clerk-treasurer, respectively. It always speaks well for brethren when re-elected. Unless it is like the roughneck negro that shid he was a deacon in his church. A white man that knew of his roughness said, "How did you get to be a deacon in your Church?"

The negro said, "The rougher element just rose up and demanded a representation."

The minutes stated that Beech Creek Church was admitted at this time. If that is our present Beech Creek, it was just readmitted after having dropped out for a while. She was one of the Charter members in 1850.

Reverend T. W. Croxton of Monticello brought the introductory sermon from the subject "We are in the world, but not of the world in its sinful follies."

Wednesday afternoon after singing "There Is a Fountain" and "Tell Me the Old, Old Story," Brother B. B. Owens led in prayer.

Wednesday night the congregation sang, "Beulah Land" and "Old Rugged Cross," Reverend H. C. Barnes read the third chapter of John, and Reverend C. M. Walker led in prayer.

The devotional was given Thursday morning by Reverend E. N. Burns. Reverend W. E. Davis preached at the eleven o'clock hour from Ro. 1:15, 16.

1936:-

The Eighty-sixth session of the association convened with the Antioch Church at Gravel Ridge.

The meeting opened by singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Brother W. Braswell, the host pastor, gave the devotional from Psa. 19. Brother J. R. Woods led the opening prayer.

Reverend M. E. Cole was elected moderator and Reverend C. C. Young was re-elected clerk-treasurer.

Maplevale Church at Old Crossett Camp came in.

Dr. B. L. Bridges brought the message of the hour.

Wednesday afternoon all mission reports were made and adopted.

Reverend T. H. Berry preached the Missionary sermon Wednesday night from Mt. 10:16, "Be Ye Harmless as Doves."

Brother W. W. Nutt led the congregation in singing "When I Can Read My Titles Clear" as the opening song Thursday morning.

The obituary report showed that Reverend G. M. Peters along with several Brothers and Sisters had passed away during the year.

Brother Cole, the moderator, led the closing prayer.

1937:-

The First Church of Hamburg entertained the association which met October 13, 14.

Reverend R. R. Shreve led the opening prayer. Reverend E. N. Burns read Psa. 1. The congregation sang "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Another prayer was led by Brother T. H. Berry.

Reverend M. E. Cole was re-elected moderator and Reverend T. H. Berry was elected clerk-treasurer.

Brother C. L. Randall, who was visiting the association, led in singing, "Blessed Assurance."

Reverend M. E. Cole preached the introductory sermon on "Walking With God" from Gen. 5:24.

The opening song Wednesday afternoon was "Thou My Everlasting Portion." Brother Howard led in prayer.

Wednesday night song: "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." Prayer by Brother Croxton. Devotional by Brother Melvin Rice.

All mission reports were made and discussed and Reverend T. W. Croxton preached the missionary sermon from John 20:21-23.

Thursday morning Brother Lonnegin of Little Rock brought the devotional from Phil. 2:5-9 on "The Name of Jesus."

The much beloved Reverend H. H. Adcock and several others had passed away during the associational year.

1938:-

The association met with the Wilmar Baptist Church October 12, 13, 1938.

The opening song was "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." The devotional scriptures consisted of quotations by the congregation.

Reverend T. H. Berry was elected moderator and Reverend L. J. Tucker clerk-treasurer.

After the reports on State, Home and Foreign missions Wednesday night, Dr. B. L. Bridges preached a wonderful sermon on "The Hope of Missions."

Thursday morning after the report on the cooperative program, Reverend O. C. Harvey of Stutgart preached on "God's Portion." If you have ever heard him, you know that he can do it as few can.

The churches reported 375 baptisms during the year. Enon Church took the lead with 62. Brother R. R. Shreve was pastor.

1939:-

The 1939 session of the association met with the Union Hill Church in Bradley County October 11, 12.

The opening song was "Leaning on The Everlasting Arm." Brother H. C. Spraggins led the opening prayer. Brother M. P. Timberlake conducted the devotional.

Reverend Reese Howard was elected moderator, Reverend L. J. Tucker, Vice Moderator, and Brother W. W. Nutt Clerk-Treasure.

Center Point and Cominto Churches came in at this time. Maybe they just reentered.

The introductory sermon was preached by Reverend Reese Howard on "The Wonderful Grace of God." Prayer led by Reverend J. A. O. Russell.

After all mission reports, Reverend E. M. Harris preached on "He that Dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High."

1940:-

The 90th session of the association convened with the Shiloh Church in Ashley County October 16, 17, 1940.

The songs, "How Firm a Foundation" and "Stand Up for Jesus" were led by Reverend Rolla Nixon. Reverend T. D. Douglas led the opening prayer, and Reverend Dale House brought the devotional from Ro. 12:15.

Warren Second (now Immanual) and Community Churches came into the association this year

Reverend Reese Howard was re-elected moderator and Reverend J. A. O. Russell, Vice Moderator and Reverend Rolla Nixon, Clerk-treasurer.

Reverend Minor Cole preached the introductory sermon on "The Blood" from Lev. 17:11.

Wednesday afternoon sermon by state missionary, Reverend W. R. Vestal—"Ye are witnesses of these things."

Reverend J. A. O. Russell preached the missionary sermon Wednesday night.

Reverend T. H. Berry preached Thursday morning from Gen. 1:5, 20; Mt. 24:14. Reverend Aubrey Halsell preached the closing sermon on "The Tithe." There were 532 baptisms reported. Crossett led with 224. Brother Halsell was pastor.

1941:-

The Enon Baptist Church entertained the Association which met there October 15, 16, 1941.

Reverend T. D. Douglas led in singing "To The Work." Reverend

E. D. Allison led the prayer and Reverend Rolla Nixon brought the Devotional from Mt. 5:14-16 on "Shining For Jesus."

Reverend R. Howard was re-elected moderator, Reverend E. C. Brown elected vice moderator and Reverend Rolla Nixon clerk-treasurer.

Song, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand." Prayer by Brother H. A. Johnson.

The introductory sermon was by Reverend Aubrey C. Halsell from Mt. 19:29. "What Lack I Yet?"

Reverend H. C. Rash gave the devotional Wednesday afternoon.

The Tillou Church in Louisiana and Pleasant Grove Church of Farmville in Bradley came in and Eden Church was reinstated.

Wednesday night: song, "Close to Thee," prayer by Brother L. J. Tucker, devotional by Brother G. C. Corker from Psa. 116, sermon by Brother G. H. Ussery, "A Spiritual Harvest," prayer Brother J. R. Woods, Association missionary, M. E. Wiles, had a good report.

1942:-

The association met with the New Liberty Church at Hilo in Bradley County, October 14, 1942.

Reverend H. C. Barnes led the opening prayer.

Reverend Wilford Lee was elected moderator, Reverend L. J. Tucker vice-moderator, and Brother Claude Roland clerk-treasurer.

Mt. Olive # 2, Mt. Zion, and Harris Chapel were reported to have come into the association at this time. Mt. Olive had been organized for several years, but I find no record of her having come in before. Mt. Zion had been in for a long time. She must have dropped out and come back. Harris Chapel was a new church near Crossett. It has now disbanded.

The introductory sermon was preached by Reverend G. H. Ussery on "True Followers of Christ."

There were 415 baptisms reported. Only four churches reported none. Crossett led with 55. Reverend Wilford Lee was pastor. Also Crossett almost doubled any other church in the association in gifts to the cooperative program.

1943:-

The ninety-third session of the association met with Mt. Olive # 2 near Crossett October 18, 19, 1943 and was opened by singing "How Firm a Foundation." The host pastor Reverend S. E. Powell led the opening prayer and Brother Louis Gustavus brought the devotional on "Learning to Pray," Lu. 11:1.

Reverend Wilford Lee was re-elected moderator, Reverend Ed. F. McDonald, Jr. was elected vice moderator and Brother Claude Roland was re-elected clerk-treasurer.

The introductory sermon was preached by Reverend Wilford Lee from Ro. 12:1, 1 John 2:17.

Corinth "B" Church near Wilmar was readmitted at this session. The records show that she first came in at Egypt October 5, 1889.

Mission reports were made Monday afternoon.

Monday night Reverend Rolla Nixon directed the song service, Brother Claude Roland led in prayer, and Reverend Lloyd Sparkman preached from 1 Cor. 3:16-17.

Tuesday morning Brother Nixon led the singing. Brethren Ed Harness and Jack Jordan led in prayer. Then Brother P. A. Stockton, director of our soldiers center at Little Rock, brought an interesting and touching message on the soldier center and led the closing prayer.

Tuesday afternoon session was opened by Brother Stockton singing and Brother Ed McDonald leading in prayer.

1944:-

The second Church Monticello was host to the association which met there October 10, 1944.

This is the first meeting of this association that this writer had the privilege of attending, but he has not missed any since.

Brother J. H. Tate led the singing. Brother H. A. Johnson led the opening prayer, and Brother Wilford Lee gave the devotional.

The North Crossett and the North Side Monticello Churches came into the association and Unity was readmitted.

Reverend Ed. F. McDonald Jr. was elected moderator, Reverend Paul Aiken vice-moderator and Brother Claude Roland re-elected clerk-treasurer.

Brother Lloyd Tucker led in Prayer and Reverend S. E. Powell preached the introductory sermon from 2 Chron. 7:14. Brother Ussery, the host pastor, led the closing prayer at noon.

Tuesday afternoon Brother Nixon led the singing, Brother W. Braswell gave the devotional, and Dr. Otto Whittington brought a wonderful message on "Climaxing a Century for Christ," Acts 16, and prayed the closing prayer.

Tuesday night was a good session. Brother Nixon led the singing and prayed one prayer and Brother Charles Hampton prayed. Dr. T. W. Craxton brought the closing message and prayed the closing prayer. The congregation sang "God Be With You" and gave the parting hand.

1945:-

The ninety-fifth annual session of the association met with the Florence Baptist Church October 16, 17, 1945.

Mrs. C. L. Hays of Florence led the singing, Reverend R. R. Shreve led the opening prayer, and Reverend H. C. Barnes gave the devotional.

The Church had no pastor at this time, so Reverend R. W. Jones, associational missionary, acted as host pastor.

Reverend Paul Aiken was elected moderator, Reverend R. D. Washington vice moderator, and Reverend H. C. Barnes clerk-treasurer.

Reverend A. J. Hyatt, a returned Chaplain, brought a very inspiring message.

Reverend J. R. Woods was called away on account of the illness of his wife. The association paused for prayer in their behalf. Reverend H. C. Barnes led the prayer.

After this prayer, Mrs. Hays led the congregation in a wonderful way in singing "Amazing Grace." Then Reverend E. H. Acuff preached the introductory sermon on "A Dangerous Gift" from Luke 11:11, 12.

Tuesday afternoon Reverend Stanley Jordan led the opening song and Reverend Keith Babb led the opening prayer.

Tuesday night the opening song and prayer were led by Reverend E. D. Estes, State Missionary. Reverend D. B. Brockwell gave the devotional.

After the opening song Wednesday morning, Brother Floyd Phillips led in prayer. Reverend Rastus Morgan brought the devotional. Several reports were made. Dr. Ben L. Bridges spoke to the report on the cooperative program. Reverend Jordan brought the missionary sermon on "The Harvest Truly is plenteous, But the Laborers are few."

Wednesday afternoon Brother Jordan led the song and Brother H. C. Rash led in prayer. The last report was on Foreign Mission.

This was a good session.

1946:-

The First Baptist Church, Fountain Hill (formerly Flat Creek, was host to the association which met there October 15, 16, 1946.

Brother Stanley Jordan led the first song. Brother R. D. Washington led in prayer and gave the devotional from the eighth chapter of Romans.

Reverend Paul Aiken was re-elected moderator, Reverend Stanley Jordan was elected vice moderator, and Reverend H. C. Barnes was re-elected clerk-treasurer.

Dr. C. W. Caldwell brought the introductory sermon on "The Hour

is come."

After song Tuesday afternoon, Reverend M. P. Timberlake led the opening prayer.

Dr. Otto Whittington brought a good message on "Christian Education."

The Beulah Church reentered the association. She had not been represented for a number of years.

Reverend Keith Babb brought a message on "My Church," Mt. 16:18. He said, "I am glad to preach before Dr. Bridges and Dr. Whittington. I might make a favorable impression on them, 'Some preachers Do."

Brother Stanley Jordan led the singing Tuesday night. Brother O. A. Travis led in prayer. Reverend J. T. Eliff brought a message on the book of Esther. Brother Obie Stover led the closing prayer.

Wednesday morning the congregation joined in singing "Come Thou Fount" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Reverend Wilford M. Lee brought the message of the morning on "The Suffering Christ."

Wednesday afternoon songs were "Happy Day" and "Revive Us Again." Prayer was led by Brother Paul Aiken.

Reverend E. H. Acuff, the host pastor, offered an amendment to the constitution, Article 2, changing the name of the association from "Bartholomew Regular Baptist Association" to "Bartholomew Baptist Association," because there is a little denomination that call themselves "Regular Baptist." We do not need any nick names. We are "Baptist." Closing prayer by Brother Williams of Southern Baptist College.

This was said by some of the old timers to be one of the best, if not the best association they had ever attended.

1947:-

The association met with the Marsden Baptist Church in Bradley County, October 14, 15, 1947.

Reverend Stanley Jordan preached the annual introductory sermon on "Reemphasize Doctrine" from 2 Tim. 4:1-8.

Brother Jordan was elected moderator and Reverend Rolla Nixon vice moderator. Reverend R. R. Shreve was elected clerk-treasurer.

Tuesday night Reverend D. B. Brockwell preached a wonderful sermon from Luke 24:49 on "The Power of God." Reverend R. D. Washington gave a very interesting and inspiring report of his European trip to the Baptist World Alliance at Copenhagen.

Baptisms reported 365. Crossett First was first with 60, Reverend Wilford Lee pastor; Hamburg second with 48, Reverend Stanley Jordan pastor; Monticello Second was third with 36, Reverend W. A. Lindsey pastor. Total members reported 9535.

The associational W. M. U. employed Miss Myrtle Lewellyn for three months as Vacation Bible School missionary. She did a good job.

1948:-

The association met with the North Side Baptist Church of Monticello October 12, 13, 1948.

Songs: "My Faith Looks to Thee" and "Amazing Grace."

Reverend Joe Werbington, host pastor, led in prayer and gave the devotional from John 21:14.

The house was crowded at the very beginning and the meeting was well attended throughout.

Reverend Rolla Nixon was elected moderator, Reverend Keith Babb vice moderator, and Reverend W. A. Lindsey clerk-treasurer.

Reverend E. H. Acuff, associational missionary, gave his annual report.

Reverend T. H. Berry preached a wonderful introductory sermon that was very much appreciated.

Brother M. H. Smith of Hilo led the singing Tuesday afternoon and Reverend D. B. Brockwell gave the devotional.

The Tuesday night session was held at the First Baptist Church. The program consisted mostly of a moving picture depicting the progress of State Missions in Arkansas.

Wednesday morning we found ourselves back at the North Side Church. Reverend Blake Westmoreland gave the devotional.

Reverend Clyde Coulter spoke to the temperance report. Some one said his subject was whiskey and that he was full of his subject. Wednesday afternoon Brother Nixon led the singing and Reverend H. A. Johnson brought a good devotional message.

Miss Lewellyn was again employed for three months Vacational Bible School work by the W. M. U. Again she did a good job.

There were 428 baptisms reported. Monticello second was first with 57, W. A. Lindsey pastor, Mt. Olive # 2 was second with 45, S. E. Powell pastor, Hamburg was third with 39, Stanley Jordan pastor.

1949:-

The 1949 session of the association met with the First Baptist Church, Hamburg, October 11, 12.

Brother Edwin "Doc" Guerin of Hot Springs led in singing, "I Am Thine O Lord." Reverend T. H. Berry led the opening prayer and Reverend J. R. Woods brought a good devotional from Psa. 19.

Reverend Keith F. Babb was elected moderator, Reverend Harold White, vice moderator, and Reverend W. A. Lindsey was re-elected clerk-treasurer.

A resolution was introduced to divide the association and organize an Ashley County Association. Some of the Brethren felt that the association was too large, that more people could be reached, and more efficient work done with two associations. After much discussions the resolution was passed.

The Ashley County Churches were to meet and form a tentative organization by electing officers. But the new association was not to be separate until after the hundredth annual meeting at Warren in 1950.

The missionary, Reverend E. H. Acuff, made his annual report and also the report of Mrs. Richard L. Johnson, the Vacation Bible School missionary employed by the W. M. U. for three months. She did a great work.

Reverend R. D. Washing preached the annual introductory sermon on the subject, "The magnificent Christ calls for magnificent christians."

Tuesday afternoon Brother "Doc" Guerin led in singing "Send the Light." Reverend Q. M. Powell brought the devotional from Acts 2 and led in prayer.

Dr. Ben L. Bridges, State missionary secretary, brought a timely message on the proposed 1950 state mission budget.

Reverend J. W. Buckner spoke on Stewardship and tithing from Hosea 14.

The Hamburg Choir opened the Tuesday night session with special music. Reverend T. T. Walker gave the devotional from John 14.

After reports on missions and brotherhood, Brother Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood Secretary, brought a good message. "Then Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of State Missions, climaxed the session with a message on the 1950 simultaneous revivals west of the Mississippi River.

Brother Buckner offered a resolution that our churches be urged to enter into the campaign wholeheartedly, and it passed.

Wednesday morning Brother Guerin led the singing, Brother, W. W. Nutt led in prayer, and Brother Roy Hilton read the scripture.

Reverend H. E. Williams, president of the Southern Baptist College of Walnut Ridge, preached on "Man Shall not live by Bread alone."

The last session Wednesday afternoon was opened by singing "We're Marching to Zion." Reverend David Bullock read the devotional scrip-

ture.

Reverend J. F. Queen spoke on the work of our Baptist Hospital.

There were 558 baptisms reported. Crossett First was first with 100, J. W. Buckner pastor; Warren First was second with 90, Blake Westmoreland pastor; and Monticello First was third with 52, R. D. Washington pastor. This was a good association.

1950:-

The Hundredth Annual meeting of the Bartholomew Baptist Association is to meet with the First Baptist Church of Warren October 10, 11, 1950.

We are looking forward to a great centennial meeting. This is to be a great 'Home-Coming" event.

We want all the former missionaries, pastors, and friends of the association, that possibly can, come and be with us.

The folks at Warren tell me they will be prepared to take care of at least 500 visitors.

Please write to those you know and urge them to come.

We hope this Centennial year will be the greatest in the history of our association so far. But we trust the future has still greater things in store.

The churches that organized the association October 5, 1850, reported 206 members. Those reporting in 1949 reported 9872.

MISSIONARIES

This is a list of missionaries that have served the association at different times. There are probably others that I failed to find their name as missionary.

J. D. Rasberry, B. C. Hyatt, J. F. Griffin, Armsted Willis (Colored), Henry Sims, H. E. Hempstead, A. J. Fawcett, J. W. Lumbley, O. P. Miles, W. H. H. Woods, N. C. Denson, G. D. Moore, R. B. Hewitt, F. E. Bailey, Dewey Roberts, T. G. Morgan, G. E. Holt, L. M. Webb, Otto Mathis, S. A. Jarvis, D. R. Dunham, John X. Smith, H. A. Munn, Wesley Burnett, J. W. Burnett, Fred Ogles, A. F. Muncy, M. E. Wiles, R. W. Jones, R. H. Watkins, E. H. Acuff.

Section II

HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES THAT NOW COMPOSE THE BARTHOLOMEW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

We regret that we have been unable to get very much information about many of our churches. We have done about the best we can.

ANTIOCH

I do not know when the Antioch Church of Gravel Ridge in Bradley was organized or when she came into the association. The first time I find her represented in the association was 1866 and again 1871. Reverend U. H. Parker was reported pastor at that time.

She withdrew from the association at Shady Grove Church in Bradley County in 1879. Then came back at Center Point in Drew County in 1890. Sometime, I don't know when, she joined the Judson Association, then came back to our association in 1913 at Ebenezer in Bradley County.

The association met with Antioch in 1873.

BEECH CREEK

The Beech Creek Church was organized in 1849. She was a Charter member of the Bartholomew Association at the organization in 1850.

Like most of our churches, this one came and went. She seemed

to have dropped out for some time. But was readmitted to the association October 17, 1935 at Florence in Drew County.

BETHEL

The Bethel Church at Prospect in Bradley County was organized by Reverend Rolla Nixon February 17, 1935. Brother Nixon was first pastor. Brother E. C. Grubbs was deacon and Sister Dorris Powell was clerk.

The charter members were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Grubbs, Grady Temples, Bernice Temples, Mrs. Sam Bryant and Mrs. Dorris Powell.

She came into the association at Florence in Drew County October 17, 1935.

BEULAH

I could not find out much about Beulah in Drew County. But she is an old Church. She was represented in 1866. Reverend J. J. Duboise was pastor at that time.

Beulah has been a good strong active church in past years. The association met with them in 1874. She dropped out for several years, but came back to the association at Fountain Hill, 1946, through the influence of Reverend R. H. Watkins, association missionary. She is doing pretty good at this writing with preaching, Sunday School and Training Union, under the leadership of Reverend L. D. Lair.

COMINTO

The Cominto Church at Cominto in Drew County was probably organized some time in 1908. She came into the association at Wilmar in 1908. She disbanded September 18, 1927. Then was reorganized by Reverend R. R. Shreve with 24 members September 25, 1938. Brother Shreve was elected pastor and Ossie Taylor clerk-treasurer.

She came into the association at Union Hill in Bradley County 1939.

Reverend Q. M. Powell became pastor March 26, 1944. The present building was built while Brother Powell was pastor.

This church licensed Reverend Fred Ogles to preach November 11, 1923. Brother Ogles and I were in Ouachita College together about that time. He was a fine young man.

COMMUNITY

The Community Baptist Church at Carpenter School house in Drew County was organized September 15, 1940 by Reverend John Chavis. Brother Chavis was first pastor.

The charter members were: C. E. Burch, Zodie Burch, Joe Burch, Oliver Chadwick, Rose Esther Chadwick, Harvery Chadwick, O. L. Chadwick, Marshall Carpenter, Esther Carpenter, Madie Carpenter, WillieCarpenter, Mary Carpenter, Johnnie Fox and Charley Martin.

CORINTH "B"

The Corinth "B" Baptist Church in Bradley County near Wilmar came into the association at Egypt in Ashley County in 1889. Probably was organized that year by Reverend H. C. Harley. He was pastor. She was readmitted at Mt. Olive # 2 in Ashley County 1943.

CORINTH "A"

The Corinth "A" Baptist Church at Ralls in Ashley County was organized by Reverend C. M. Walker probably in 1906. Came into association Oct. 2, 1909.

We were unable to get much definite information about this church. But it is a good church. Has a fine group of people who make up its membership and is going good under the leadership of Reverend Edward E. Harris of Crossett.

CROSSETT FIRST

Crossett First was organized in the spring of 1906 by Rev. N. C. Denson. Brother Denson served as first pastor.

The following were Charter Members: Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Courson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Linder, Misses Ida and Nina Pennington and Mr. J. M. Willis.

EAGLE LAKE CROSS ROADS

This church was organized the fourth Sunday in November 1922 by Reverend C. M. Walker and Reverend Sam Johnson. Brother Walker was elected pastor and Brother E. E. York Church Clerk.

Charter members were: Brother and Sister G. C. Corker, Sister H. R. Hagood, Brother and Sister G. E. Stanley, Lecil Stanley, Sister Lula Sharp, and Brother and Sister E. E. York.

An unusual thing about this church; the four that have deceased remained members of this church until their decease, and the five still living are still members of the same church.

She came into the association October 3, 1923 at Arkansas City.

EBENEZER

The Ebenezer Baptist Church in Bradley County near Warren was organized August 30, 1854 by Reverend U. H. Parker, Reverend Robert Pulley, and Deacon Irey Lee. The charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. Andrews (didn't get initial), Violet Aken, James Brown, Richard Brown, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Coker, Mr. and Mrs. Hairston, A. M. Hairston, Nancy O'neal, Mary Parker and Reverend U. H. Parker.

Brother Parker pastored the church from 1854 to 1868.

The following brethren pastored in the order named: McHorey Creed, Solomon Gardner, G. W. Morgan, J. B. Searcy, Ira Pirtle, W. E. Paxton, N. C. Denson, C. W. Harley (two times), D. E. Gamble, H. A. Munn, M. W. Wayne, G. E. Holt, T. B. Rouse (My pastor on time), D. R. Dunham, J. B. Luck, G. F. Gilbreath, G. L. Boles, Minor Cole, L. J. Tucker, Louis Gustavus, H. C. Barnes, Don Williams, Orville McGuire, and John Martain.

They have had four buildings, one log and three frame. The present one was built in 1948 under Brother McGuire's leadership. Some Sunday School rooms have been added.

This church has had some good clerks. We wish every church would keep records like that.

EDEN

Reentered October 15, 1941 at Enon

This church is in Ashley County near Fountain Hill.

I am sorry I can not get any definite history about it.

ENON

The Baptist Church at Enon in Drew County was organized probably by Reverend W. H. H. Woods who was pastor. She came into the association 1885 at Ebenezer in Bradley County.

The minutes of 1867 show that an Enon church came in then, but research seems to locate that one in Bradley or Lincoln County.

FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Church of Snyder, as best we can find out was organized 1854. We found two names that seem to have been charter members, Brother Jerrymiah Dean and Sister Nancy Dean.

FLORENCE

The Florence Baptist Church was organized July 13, 1895 by Reverend A. C. Miller and Reverend Charles W. Daniel at Florence in Drew County.

Brother Daniel preached from Phil. 2:14-18. Brother J. W. McPherson was clerk of the organization.

The charter members were as follows: H. C. Brockman, M. A. Brockman, James M. Henley, Cassie Henley, Maggie Henley, H. L. Horton, Victor Horton, M. R. Lord, A. S. Lord, Josephine Lord, Dannie Lord, and Elizabeth Myhand.

M. R. Lord was elected clerk and James M. Henley deacon.

Brethren Miller and Daniel conducted a six day revival from date of organization. There were five additions, one by letter, one by statement and three by baptism.

Brother Miller was elected first pastor.

The first Sunday School was organized January 9, 1898. Brother Jerry Miller was elected first Superintendent. Beginning 1901 for a few years the church was Landmark. I find she came into our association Sept. 28, 1927.

FLAT CREEK

The Flat Creek Baptist Church was organized in August 1845, near Flat Creek about one mile East of the present site of Fountain Hill, by Reverend Y. P. Royal and a few others. Brother Royal was first pastor, Brother R. K. Denson was the first clerk.

Charter members were: Isaac Denson, Albert Denson, Rusfus K. Denson, Cassendes Denson, Emily Denson, Reverend Y. R. Royal, and Thomas Watkins.

The first building was log. It served until 1868. It was torn down and a small framed building erected at the present site of the Flat Creek Cemetery. This one served until 1900. It was torn down and the third one erected. This one was burned in 1920. Then the church was moved into Fountain Hill and the present building erected 1922.

In 1945 when the church was 100 years old, since it had moved from Flat Creek to Fountain Hill, the name was changed to First Baptist Church of Fountain Hill.

Flat Creek Church was one of the seven churches that organized this association October 5, 1850, and has been very active ever since.

The following were charter members: Leslie Carter, Marion Carter, Mrs. Forest Carter, Tommy Carter, Shirley Carter, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Croswell, Mr. and Mrs. Roddie Croswell, R. M. Croswell, Mrs. Frank Deal, Billy Deal, Mary Frances Deal, Mrs. Lela May Flemister, Mrs. J. W. Meeks, Mrs. F. E. McCone, Mrs. Wallace Pagan, T. W. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ray, Mrs. Maggie Sheffield, Leland Stanford, Annie Lucile Thompson, Mrs. Sol. Thompson, Charles Fred Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wiggins, and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Willis.

This church came into the association October 10, 1944 at Monticello second. She has grown into a good strong church and is going well.

OLD UNION

Old Union Church in Drew County was organized about 1923 by Reverend W. M. Barnett, who pastored her for 15 years. I am sorry I do not have any more information.

PATTSVILLE

I have found very little about this church. The minutes of 1916 show that Prattsville came in. I wonder if that was a misprint and should have been Pattsville.

Pattsville church seems to have started several years before that.

PLEASANT GROVE

The Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Farmville in Bradley County was organized the first Sunday in June 1941 by Brethren Rolla Nixon,

M. E. Wiles, Floyd Taylor, Chas. Hampton, and Virgil Clanton.

Charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Adams, Mrs. Ethel Castleberry, Marie Castleberry, Lloyd Ellis Castleberry, Frank Castleberry, Mary Castleberry, Mrs. C. G. Castleberry, Dorothy Castleberry, Rosco Castleberry, and Mrs. Jimmie Windham (now Mrs. Huston Castleberry).

Looks like the church should have been named Castleberry Chapel.

Brother Nixon first pastor. Came into the association 1941.

PRAIRIE GROVE

The associational minutes reveal that one Prairie Grove came into the association in 1869. Reverend J. S. Mears was pastor for a long time. She did not represent in 1875. Listed again in 1879. We find nothing more until 1888. She came back into the association at Warren October 6, 1888. Reverend W. H. H. Woods was pastor and Brother W. H. Daniels was clerk and representative to the association at that time.

This has been one of the leading churches of the association at different times. Several preachers have been reared in that church.

You present members owe it to those of the past to carry on in a great way.

SALINE

The first record I find of a Saline Church was 1860. One came into the association that year. Probably that was the same one we now have.

Some reports seem to indicate that that Saline might have been in Drew County near Barkada. Reverend I. R. Vick was pastor at that time.

A Saline Church came into the association at Egypt October 5, 1889. Reverend Solomon Gardner was pastor.

We are not sure about the first one, but we are sure this one is a forerunner of the present Saline in Bradley County. This one disbanded and went to Pattsville. She was reorganized May 3, 1910 by Brother W. M. Pinson. The last charter members were: Mrs. Mattie Baily, Mrs. Mattie Beasley, Mrs. Nannie Hill, L. M. Steadman, Mrs. F. E. Steadman, Mrs. Penolia Steadman, Mrs. Allie Ware.

If the Women had kept silent in this church, there would not have been much said. Poor Brother Steadman must have had a hard time getting along with a half-dozen women.

SARDIS

The Sardis Church in Ashley County near Snyder came into the association at Woodlawn Church in Drew County 1877. She represented in 1883 but not in 1884, 1885, or 1886. She was reinstated at Woodlawn in 1887.

SELMA

The Baptist Church of Selma first came into the association in 1870. She represented a few years and then dropped out.

The present Selma Church was organized August 30, 1934 by Reverend W. M. Barrett.

The charter members were Reverend and Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Billy Bradley, Mrs. Ross Brown, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Freeman, Mrs. Bettie Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Pitman Hudgens, Florence Hudgens, Tommy Posey, Mrs. Tom Peacock, Mrs. J. R. Sawyer, Mrs. M. M. Sawyer, Mrs. Chot Sawyer, Mrs. Dora Walton, Mrs. Beckie Whitaker, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilkerson.

SHILOH

The Shiloh Baptist Church in Ashley County near Fountain Hill was organized August 21, 1894 by Reverend J. W. Sims, after scripture reading and prayer.

The following entered into the organization: J. W. Berry, Myrtle Berry, J. C. Holimon, Maggie Holimon, Berry Holimon, W. G. Ross, S. J. Ross, F. J. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. White, and Malissie White.

After reading of the church covenant and Articles of Faith, they were adopted. Brother John Gardner led in prayer. Brother E. E. Smith gave the charge to the church. An opportunity was given for members: May Berry, Retter Culbreath, R. M. Etheridge, J. W. McDougald, and Mary Scott came in view of letters.

Reverend J. W. Sims was moderator and Brother J. W. Wilcoxon clerk of the organization council.

Brother Sims was elected first pastor and Brother W. G. Ross clerk.

UNION HILL

I do not find much history about Union Hill Church in Bradley County near Ingalls.

She was represented at the association in 1871 at Monticello. Reverend M. Creed was pastor. The messengers were T. A. Hunnicutt, and M. Conley. She reported 12 members. I do not know when she came into the association. She reported most of the time after 1871.

UNITY

The Unity Church near Crossett came into the association at Antioch in Bradley County October 3, 1873.

Brother J. V. B. Waldrop was pastor at that time and continued for several years or until about 1888.

She was readmitted to the association at Monticello Second October 10, 1944.

WARREN

In 1868 four devout women conceived the idea of organizing a Baptist Church in the little Village of Warren. These women were Mesdames: W. W. Hughey, A. C. Jones, Mary Mack, and C. C. Gannaway.

These women secured the services of Reverend B. C. Hyatt of Monticello to hold a revival meeting. Dr. C. C. Gannaway, Judge Mack, and A. C. Jones came for baptism and Brother Asberry Coker by letter.

The above named parties constituted the church. Brother Hyatt was chosen their first pastor.

The services were conducted in the court house for three years. Then the first building was erected 1871.

A Trinity Church of Warren came into the association October 3, 1868 at Tyro Church in Drew County. Brother B. C. Hyatt was reported as pastor and A. C. Jones and T. A. Coker were messengers.

The name Trinity was used last in 1877. In 1878 and from there on the name Warren was used.

WILMAR

The First Baptist Church of Wilmar was organized April 9, 1899 by Reverend N. C. Denson.

The charter members were: Mrs. Susan Andrews, Lola Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Daniel, Mrs. Hyrter Daniel, C. E. Gannaway, Ruth Gannaway, Henry Hazel, Lula Hazel, J. W. Measles, W. F. Measles, David Measles, Malissa Measles, Bessie Measles, John Owens, Edith Owens, S. A. Roark, Mrs. Emma B. Roark, J. F. Varnell, and Arabel Varnell.

Seems like the measles broke out.

Brother Denson was chosen first pastor and Brother S. A. Roark first church clerk.

HAMBURG FIRST

The Hamburg Church, as best I can find, was organized 1859. I am

sorry I do not have more history of it.

This is a great progressive church. Some very fine people compose the membership.

HOLLY SPRINGS

The Holly Springs Church seems to have been organized about 1848 or sooner. She was organized at Holly Springs 2 or 3 miles out of Hermitage.

She was one of the Charter members of the association in 1850. When the church was moved to Hermitage, the name was not changed.

This is a good church and has been active through the years.

IMMANUAL

The Immanual Baptist Church of Warren started as a mission of the First Baptist Church about 1938. Sunday School was held each Sunday afternoon in a small one room canning kitchen owned by the Southern Lumber Company.

Reverend Rolla Nixon held a meeting in the mission June 1940. Seventy-four members were added to the church, six of them by baptism. This was known as the Southern Arm of the First Church.

Brother Nixon was called pastor and moved on the field July 1940. August 11, 1940 the mission was organized into an independent church and named the Second Baptist Church of Warren.

Brother Nixon served as pastor for two years, during which time the membership more than doubled.

October 9, 1946 the name was changed to Immanual.

JARVIS CHAPEL

This church must have been organized about 1915. The associational minutes of 1915 show that she came into the association at Prairie Grove in Drew County October 2, 1915.

She was organized by Reverend S. A. Jarvis for whom the church was named and who pastored her for several years.

It seems this church grew out of the remains of the Arkadelphia church that had gown down about two miles from the present site of the church.

There are some fine folks in this church.

LADELLE

The Ladelle Church was organized September 29, 1913 in the Deal School House in Drew County by Reverend G. E. Holt (associational missionary), Reverend H. H. Adcock (licensed at that time) and Brother J. M. Deal, a deacon from Prairie Grove. The service opened by singing "Sweet Bye and Bye." Brother Holt read Luke 6:12-16 and 1 Cor. 12:28 and commented on them. He also read from Pendleton's church manual and the church was organized on the basis of the manual like all our Othodox Baptist Churches.

Brother Holt was moderator and Brother J. M. Deal clerk of the organization. The charter members were: W. L. Deal and wife, H. L. Deal and wife, H. A. Johnson and wife, T. N. Johnson, May Johnson and Susie Blair.

Brother Holt was elected temporary pastor. Brethren H. L. Deal and W. L. Deal were elected Deacons and Brother H. A. Johnson Clerk.

The church came into the association October 4, 1913 at Ebenezer in Bradley County.

MACEDONIA

Macedonia Church on the Pine Bluff Highway a few miles from Warren was organized June 6, 1906.

All the records of this church were destroyed the night of July 10,

1925 when Brother Bob Taylor's house burned.

There was a Macedonia in Bradley County that came into the association in 1870 and reported for a few years and seemed to drop out.

MAGNOLIA

The Magnolia Church near Crossett was organized September 11, 1911 by Reverend C. E. Hollis and Reverend H. C. Sivils.

The charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Strange, T. A. McDougald, Mrs. M. E. McDougald, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Watson, and Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Watson.

The first pastor was Reverend C. E. Hollis.

She came into the association in 1914. The minutes of the 1923 association show that a Magnolia came in then. That must have been a different one or else this one renewed.

MARSDEN

November 21, 1909 Brethren G. E. Holt, W. T. Clements and W. L. Bird organized the Marsden Baptist Church in Bradley County in the Marsden School house. The organization was according to Pendleton's Church manual.

Brother Holt preached from Prov. 29:1. Brother Clements led prayer and Brother Bird was Clerk and song leader.

Brother Clements was elected first pastor and Brother R. L. Clanton first Clerk.

Charter members: W. J. Hickman, L. E. Garrett, Emma Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clanton, Nettie McClain, Mrs. M. D. Pipkins, Lula Bledsoe, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hagood, J. E. Brooks, W. T. Johnson, A. M. Hickman, J. K. Pipkins, J. F. Johnson, G. E. Pirtle, H. C. Pirtle, Mrs. Addie Neal, Mrs. Clauda Johnson, J. D. Johnson, W. C. Johnson, Miss Dessie Vines, Mrs. Eliza Pirtle, Mrs. Sallie Johnson, Mrs. Della Johnson, Mrs. Nancy Thornton, Miss Nellie McClain, Mrs. Maude Sloan, O. D. Hagood, Bessie Wilkinson, Mamie McClain, Hattie Johnson, and Mrs. Amanda Johnson.

MERIDIAN

The associational minutes show that the Meridian Church near Crossett came into the association in 1880. Probably was organized that year.

The minutes of 1924 show that a Meridian church came in then. I guess it was this same one renewed.

MONTICELLO FIRST

The Monticello Church was formerly called Providence. Providence was in the association in 1866. I do not find when she came in.

The association met at Monticello in 1871. The name of the church had been changed to the First Baptist Church of Monticello and came in under the new name that year.

MONTICELLO SECOND

The second church grew out of a mission of the first church. She was organized in 1926. That is the year this church came into the association. Reverend A. F. Muncy was first pastor. This is now a good church, going well with Reverend W. A. Lindsey as pastor.

MT. OLIVE # 1

This church was organized in New Salem Methodist Church over in Drew County in 1857 by Reverend A. B. McCulloch.

The first building was dedicated May 11, 1859. Brother McCulloch preached the sermon.

The charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Etheridge, Mr. and

Mrs. J. B. Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Johnson, Dr. (Rev.) and Mrs. Kimbro, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Prichard, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wheat.

Note: The charter members were all married couples. The present membership is made up of the descendents of those couples.

MT. OLIVE # 2

Mt. Olive # 2 near Crossett was organized about 1906 by Brethren J. M. Peters and Jeff Willis at Tanner School house near the present site.

Brother Willis was first pastor.

I failed to get the old record. Came into the association in 1907 and reentered 1942. She's going good now.

MT. ZION

According to the Ashley County section of a South Arkansas History, Mt. Zion was organized 1885. In that same connection, it tells of a Mt. Zion # 2 that was organized in 1857.

Mt. Zion was in the association in 1866. I do not know when she came in. A Mt. Zion came into the association in 1942. Probably the same one renewed.

NEW LIBERTY

The New Liberty Church of Hilo in Bradley County seems to have been organized about 1865. I do not know when she came into the association; she was dropped in 1890. She had not reported for three years. She came back some time and is now going pretty good.

NORTH SIDE

The North Side Church of Monticello grew out of a mission Sunday School of the Second Church.

She was organized into a church September 22, 1944 by Brethren Joe Warbington, Tom Barnes, H. C. Barnes, G. H. Ussery, Frank Carpenter, and J. H. Tate.

Charter members were: Roberta Bates, Clara Dunham, Mrs. Lewis Montgomery, Mrs. Anna Sawyer, Alice Rose Sawyer, Mary Sawyer, and Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Sheiron.

Brother Joe Warbington and the Church have grown up together. He is the only pastor the church has had and that is the only church he has had, except a few Sunday afternoon churches.

NORTH CROSSETT

North Crossett Church was a mission of the Crossett First for a long time. She was organized into a church October 8, 1944.

Reverend Wilford Lee was pastor of the Crossett Church and Reverend Edward E. Harris was pastor of the mission. Brother Harris was then elected the first pastor of the new church.

Section III

EBENEZER
STONE OF HELP

1 Sam. 7:12

HITHERTO AND HENCEFORTH

Samuel set up a memorial stone, when God gave him victory over the Philistines, and named it Ebenezer, and said, "Hither To hath the Lord helped us."

HITHER TO:

So when we come to think of the passed 100 years in our association, and think of what she has survived and what has been accomplished; we are made to say "Ebenezer," for "hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

HARDSHELLISM: While our folks were preaching and teaching missions trying to lead our people to accept their responsibility of carrying out the world wide commission of Jesus, the Anti-mission element split off and organized the Hardshell Baptist Church that they called the Primative Baptist Church.

But our association went on preaching and teaching missions, and doing a little mission work.

Civil War: There came the trouble between the North and the South. The Civil War was fought for what they thought was a principle worth fighting for. Neighbors were on different sides and would have to fight each ohter. Members of the same local church were on opposing sides and fighting each other. But God brought them on through it all.

Then after the war was over those awful days of reconstruction if possible, seemed to be worse than the war. The people of the South were defeated, their homes destroyed, their farms laid waste, their living gone. They started life all over again.

The Brethren in this association, like all the others, had faith in God and determined to push ahead.

So far as the minutes of those days reveal, there was never a bitter note of complaint sounded. You would never guess from any statement in any minute that there had been a war.

3. Money Panic of the 90's: When the Brethren were struggling along trying to carry on, the money panic reduced the financial income, until it was hard to try to carry on any worth while mission program. But they kept on keeping on.

4. Spanish American War: This war did not last so long, nor was so much damage and loss incurred as most of our wars. But it did necessarily affect our work.

5. World War No. 1: This association like all the rest suffered many heartaches. Many of the promising fine young men were lost. Many others were impaired for life. There was much praying on the part of those left at home. Seeing the needs of the world as probably, never before up to then, very likely had much to do with the launching of the mission movement, "The 75 Million Campaign." This association did her part in that great campaign.

6. Depression Days: Then there came the post war slump in 1921. The depression lasted until the second world war. This slump left the Baptists of the South very heavily in debt for work we had launched. But, thank God, we were honest and have put forth much effort until we have about cleaned the slate.

7. World War No. 2: December 7, 1941 came Pearl Harbor and we were plunged into World War No. 2 which was much more bloody than No. 1. Our loss was heavy in men and money. Generations for years to come will still be burdened with that war debt. But the loss of our men was more than the money. Many young men from the ministry, and all other walks of life, gave their lives in service of their country. Again God brought us through it all. And as I write this, we can almost hear the bursting of bombs of World War No. 3.

God was with us in all this 100 year struggle. But God needed men. We are "together workers with God." So God carried on through the help of such great men as the following: The Carroll's, the Allen's, the

Parker's, the Sims' and Simms', the Rogers', the Daniels', the Allison's, the Walker's, the Clement's, the Rolands, the Morgans, the Willis, the Gardners, the Jones, the Adcocks, the Johnsons, the Kinnards, the Robertsons, the Watsons, the Thompsons, the Rasberrys, the Moores, the Gunters, the Hollis, the Webbs, the Holts, the Baileys, the Coles, the Lucks, the Searcys, the Comperes, the Etheridges, the Spraggins, the Nutts, the Rileys, the Barnes, the Paxons, the Binns, the Stones, the Tuckers, the News, the Waldrops, the Westmorelands, the Lees, the Berrys, the McCollochs, the Meeks, the Smiths, the Haulsels, the Powells, the Tulls, the Bridges, the Congers, the Forbs, and on and on. Many of these, like the heroes of Faith in Heb. 11, have died in Faith and left us to carry on.

I am sorry to have to leave out any. I cannot think of all that should be mentioned. But if your name is on the "Lamb's Book of Life" that is what counts whether it ever gets on the pages of any history or not. Ro. 16:27.

HENCEFORTH:

"Here I raise Mine EBENEZER;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home."

"Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis Grace hath bro't me safe thus far,
And Grace Will lead me home."

Brethren the heroes of the past have handed the torch of God's eternal truth and the blessings of His work down to you and me. Therefore we are obligated to hand it on to succeeding generations.

I wonder what those who have gone on before think of the way you and I are carrying on in this hundredth year of our association. May this be the greatest we have ever had.

Then let's launch out from our EBENEZER to do more in the next 100 years than in the past 100.

God needs you and me. He can't carry on alone. We should come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Let's don't hire out to the Devil. He has plenty of help. God needs our help. 1 Cor. 16:24. 2 Cor. 13:14. Gal. 6:18. Eph. 6:24.

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